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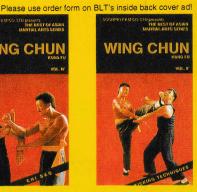
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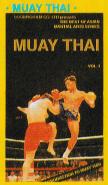
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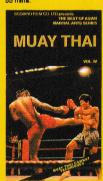
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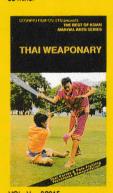
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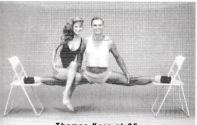


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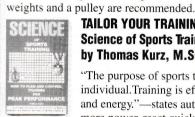
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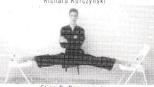












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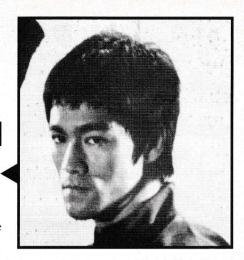


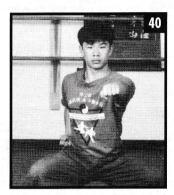
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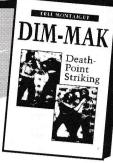
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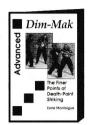
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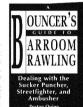
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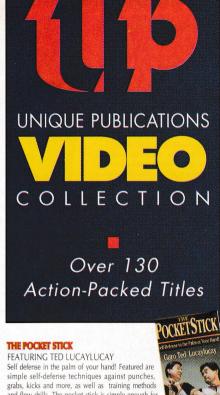
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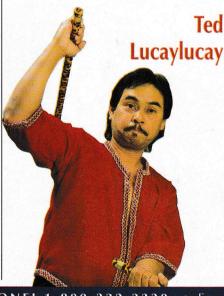
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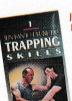
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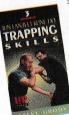
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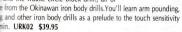
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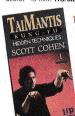
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FEATURING NICOLAS SAIGNAC

Savate, the traditional art of French kickboxing was developed in the eighteenth century. Today, Savate is practiced internationally by both men and women. Savate provide a complete physical work-out while honing the senses and teaching an effective form of self-defense. This tape features a step-by step breakdown of the basic punches, kicks, blocks and combinations needed to practice Savate. The tape ends with a progressive sparring session highlighting the basic skills previously demonstrated. Nicolas Saignac has been teaching Savate since 1984 and has competed in numerous international events, winning the prestigious French Cup in 1988. 53 min. **SAV01** \$39.95

THE SAVATE WORKOUT

FEATURING NICOLAS SAIGNAC

This tape combines a progression of training drills designed to give you a complete cardiovascular workout as well as get as close as possible to an actual sparring situation. Starting with stretching and warmups and advancing to a variety of kicking and punching drills this workout will complement any martial arts style. This is an excellent workout for both men and women. 60 min. \$AV02 \$39.95



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YOUR BEST DEFENSE

FEATURING DEBORAH MAGONE

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SELF-DEFENSE FOR WOMEN Simple Street Proven Concepts That Work FEATURING JUNE CASTRO

An accomplished martial artist, and an experienced fighter, June Castro brings a unique perspective to self-defense training. June teaches you the basic elements needed for self-defense. First, avoiding a confrontation through awareness. Second, escape if possible. Specific fighting skills are taught as a last resort: how to strike, where to strike, when to strike, and why. This tape will help you develop the self-confidence and self-esteem

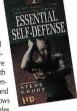
needed to successfully defend yourself. 59 min. SDW \$39.95

ESSENTIAL SELE-DEFENSE Part 1

FEATURING STEVE GRODY

ESSENTIAL

Steve Grody spent 13 non-stop years training in Jeet Kune Do concepts, Filipino Kali, Muay Thai and Silat under Dan Inosanto and became his primary substitute instructor for 5 years. At each level of learning, Grody emphasizes what is most essential and useable, from the beginning to the more advanced skill levels. In this tape, Grody starts with attributes such as economy of motion, beat efficien cy, simplicity and natural rhythm. Next, footwork and how it controls the range of the fight. Grody follows with major hand strikes and angles,



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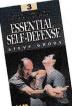
ESSENTIAL SELF-DEFENSE Part 2

In this tape, Grody continues to work the material shown in part one. He starts by working the focus gloves to teach the principles of defending and countering hand attacks. He progresses to hand defenses with kick follow-ups. Grody gets more in-depth with his explanations of defensive skills both for the hand and the feet and how to flow effortlessly

between the two. Ultimately, the information in this tape will give you the ability to flow back and forth between offense and defense sponta-neously. GRO2 \$39.95

FSSENTIAL SELF-DEFENSE Part 3

In this tape, Grody continues his progression of the most usable ways to attack and defend. He shows applications of feints and drifts, drills for defensive and offensive line perception and finishes with a series of counters to elbow attacks.
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ESSENTIAL SELF-DEFENSE Part 4

In this tape, Grody teaches counters to knee attacks, the set-up, use and counter of the head butt, entries using the: jamming hand, ride-in, cir-cling hand and beat. Also covered are counter for counter drills at the kicking, punching, kneeing and elbowing ranges. 53 min. GRO5 \$39.95



THE HIDDEN COMBAT **USE OF FORMS**

FEATURING STEVE GRODY

In thi tape, Grody explores the combat applications found in traditional Kung-Fu forms. Sometimes the most effective movements are either overlooked or misunderstood. By looking closely at your forms, you can discover their hidden combat lessons. 50 min. **GRO3** \$39.95

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TAEKWONDO: THE ABC'S OF MODERN COMPETITION SPARRING

FEATURING DANA HEE

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TAI CHI CHUAN

COMBINED TAIIIOUAN IN 48 FORMS Pt. 1: Forms 1-19

FEATURING WEN-MEI YU

Wen-Mei Yu is among the world's most knowledgeable internal stylists. In this tape series, she performs and explains the Combined Taiji-quan in 48 Forms The 48 form consists of movements from the longer 88 form but also adds elements inherent in the Wu, Wu Jian Quan, Sun, Yang and Chen styles. Part one consists of the movements 1-19. 58 min. **TC481** \$39.95



20-48. 58 min. **TC482** \$39.95



CHEN STYLE TAI CHI Part 1 FEATURING JAMES MCNEIL

The Chen style's 13 sections and 64 moves are clearly illustrated and McNeil, a world renowned internal stylist, breaks down the form into individual movements. In this tape, McNeil breaks down the first 22 moves and shows the self-defense applications of each move. The tape concludes with footage of master Pan Wing Chow performing the form and demonstrating push hands. 48 min.

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CHEN STYLE TAI CHI Part 2

In this tape McNeil continues his instruction of the Chen form. He starts with a review of the 22 moves taught in part one then goes on to moves 23 to 64. 48 min. MN2CTC \$39.95

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FEATURING WEN-MEI YU

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WU STYLE TAIIIOUAN IN 89 FORMS Part 2

Part two continues with detailed linstruction on forms

17-55. 59 min. WU02 \$39.95

WU STYLE TAIJIQUAN IN 89 FORMS Part 3

Part three concludes the series with detailed instruction on forms 56-89 plus a demonstration of self-defense applications derived from the form. 45 min. WU03 \$39.95



TRADITIONAL YANG STYLE TAI CHI SWORD Part 1: Movements 1-35

WU STYLE TALIQUAN

FEATURING WEN-MEI YU

In this tape, Wen-Mei Yu teaches a traditional Yang style sword form. The tape starts with a full demon-stration of the form followed by instruction in the stration of the form followed by instruction in the basic stances you will be using. Next, basic sword methods such as the sword finger, holding the sword, cutting, parrying and others are taught. The in-depth instruction of the form begins with movements 1-35, including a slow-motion review. 58 min. YSW01 \$39.95

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TRADITIONAL YANG STYLE TAI CHI SWORD Part 2: Movements 36-53

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FEATURING WEN-MEI YU

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FEATURING STUART QUAN

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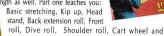
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LIANGONG IN 18 FORMS Part 3

Part three, teaches you exercises designed to strengthen your tendons and connective tissue as well as preventing and healing internal disor-50 min. LG3 \$39.95

FEATURING JAMES MCNEIL

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In this tape McNeil continues with his Chi Kung in this tage McNeir Continues with his Chi Kung exercise lessons. You'll learn the last 16 exercises such as the crane's beak blocking, pheonix fist and the spear hand. Practice these exercises for health and self-defense. 50 min.

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FEATURING JAMES MONFIL

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FEATURING MARK DACASCOS

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FEATURING JAMES MCNEIL

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FEATURING JAMES MONFIL

In this tape, James McNeil demonstrates a Shaolin Kung-Fu staff set. By learning this form, you can master most of the basic maneuvers needed to utilize this practical weapon. To further your understanding of this weapon, McNeil also teaches the fighting application of each move of the set. 40 min.

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THE KUBOTAI: TRAINING AND **TECHNIQUES**

FEATURING TAK KUBOTA

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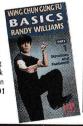
WING CHUN

WING CHUN GUNG-FU Basics Pt. 1:

Structure and Footwork

FEATURING RANDY WILLIAMS

Randy Williams gives insightful instruction for the Basic Stance, the Eight Punches and Eight Palm Strikes of Wing Chun. Elbow Strikes and Blocking Motions are covered as are the Five basic Moving Stances. In addition, you will learn the footwork necessary to get the most from the other tapes in this outstanding series. 50 min. WCW01 \$39.95



Basics Pt. 2: Combat Theory and Kicks

Combat Drills

This tape is the companion to Structure and

Footwork and includes step by step explanations of the Mixed Footwork Patterns used to develop Body Unity. Learn the Centerline Theory, The concept of Reference and The Cutting Angle, Gain insight into Complex Motions and Simultaneous Defense and

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punch interception, Straight Punch drills: 4 variations done 3 ways! Also learn Yut Fook Yee Yin/Yang attack and defense drill, Pock Sau for quickness and dexterity in blocking and trapping, and many others! 50 min. WCW03 \$39.95

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ening exercise and others! 50 min. WCW04 \$39.95

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WING CHUN GUNG-FU Chee Sau Concepts & Strategy Pt. 2: Comhat Sticky Hands

In this, the companion video, Randy takes you to new heights with the ultimate in Look Sau Rolling Arms techniques, 25 Gwoh Sau combat/attack combinations as well as 2 Response Chains! All designed to allow you to handle the multiple variations and possible outcomes of an attack! 50 min. WCW06 \$39.95

WING CHUN GUNG-FU 108 Wooden Dummy Motions Pt. 1

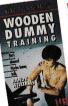
Part one covers the first 60 motions of the Mook Yan Joang Fot Yut Ling Bot wooden dummy forms and their applications. Also covered are dummy strucand installation.50 min.

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WING CHUN **GUNG-FU** 108 Wooden

Dummy Motions Pt. 2 Part two covers the remaining 48 motions based on

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WING CHUN GUNG-FU Wooden Dummy Training

Part 1: Advanced Wooden Dummy Drills In this tape, Randy demonstrates over twenty drills

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WING CHUN **GUNG-FU**

Wooden Dummy Training Part 2: Lop Sau, Chee Sau and Dummy Theory

In this tape, Randy concentrates on the Lop Sau/Fon Sau Switch, the Chahng Dai Jyeung Switch, the Biu Sau Switch, the Gum Sau Switch and the Pock Sau Switch. He then goes into Look Sau—Rolling Hands and attack combinations, Sticky Foot, the Dummy Centerline Theory and more. 56 min. WCW10 \$39.95





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body unity and more. Also included are a number of fighting techniques, demonstrated

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WING CHUN GUNG-FU **Close Range Combat Techniques** Part 3: Emergency Defenses and Defenses against Punching Combinations

In part three, Randy starts off with a unique warm-up series and then continues with fighting techniques against a variety of punching combinations as well as different grabs, rear attacks and other self-defense situations. 35 min. WCW13 \$39.95



WING CHUN GUNG-FU Training Methods Part 1: **Advanced Lop Sau Principles**

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WING CHUN GUNG-FU Training Methods Part 2: Advanced Two- Man Drills

In this tape, Randy demonstrates training drills such as: The Pock Sau cycle, Leakage Drills, Huen Da, Block Responses, The Body Trap Drill, Single Sticky Hand with Kicks, Combat Sticky Foot and more. 41 min. WCW15 \$39.95



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Nan Chuan focuses on the southern styles of kung-fu such as hung gar, five animals and wing chun. Kenny starts off by teaching the basic hand forms including tiger claw, crane, snake and dragon. He then teaches drills to develop strikes using the different hand forms. Next, you'll learn 10 stances and 10 stepping patterns. Kenny combines all the basics and teaches you the compulsory basic nan chuan form in a step-by-step breakdown, Finally, you'll learn how to apply the techniques in fighting situation 60 min.

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In Defense of Bruce Lee

IT HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY difficult for me to read your magazine because of all this nonsense about Bruce Lee's art.

I was particularly upset after reading the letters in your May, 1994 issue. I think that Bruce Lee would be very upset if he knew how people are arguing over his art like children in this day and age. Why are all these people wasting their energy arguing? Why worry about how other people train or think, or who said what about whom?

JKD is a very personal art. Obviously they have never read, or never understood Bruce's philosophies in the *Tao of Jeet Kune Do*. Either that or they have never studied with someone who knew Bruce, or who is an instructor under Bruce.

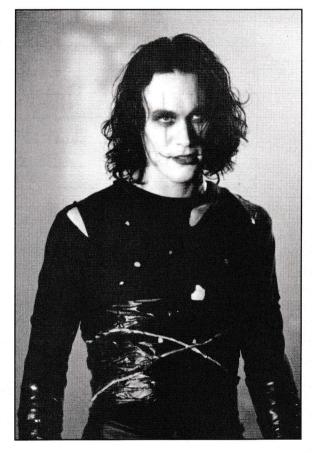
Bruce said, "Jeet kune do is the enlightenment of oneself. Selfknowledge is the basis of jeet kune do because it is effective, not only for the individual's martial art, but also for his life as a human being."

He also said, "If people say jeet kune do is different from 'this' or 'that,' then let the name of jeet kune do be wiped out, for that is what it is, just a name. Please don't fuss over it!"

If you really want to find out what Bruce's art was all about, start with a thousand kicks and punches a day. Not a thousand words per letter! So to all those mentioned above, shut up already and hit a focus glove.

Iwo Iwaszkiewicz New York, NY wouldn't be coming back. Curse or coincidence. It doesn't really concern me. If people were more responsible and less cavalier regarding the welfare of others, perhaps Brandon might be here to enjoy his mainstream success with those closest to him, unlike his father was able to do.

I had the opportunity to meet Linda and Shannon Lee at the Estate Auction of Bruce Lee held last August by Superior Galleries. My impression of the two was that despite their recent loss, they had managed to find a way to project a



Preserving the Past

THIS PAST WEEKEND, I SAW the best and, unfortunately, last performance by Brandon Lee in the film, *The Crow*.

Although I thought the idea of someone coming back from the grave to right a wrong had been taken to the limit, I knew that this time, the storyline would have a different twist. Since his first role as Kwai Chang Caine's long lost son to reincarnated rock-star Eric Draven (aka the Crow), Brandon, with every new role, progressively brought more and more credibility to each one of the characters he portrayed.

Yet, throughout the entire film, one thought just wouldn't go away: he's gone. And unlike the character I was watching on screen, Brandon positive attitude. Two tragedies, less than one lifetime. I hope no one ever has to know the kind of hardships that Linda and Shannon Lee have had to endure. These two women are living proof of Bruce Lee's simplistic yet most profound philosophy; regardless of the events that take place during the course of one's lifetime, good or bad, one must "walk on".

No one, with the exception of my father, has had such a dramatic impact on my life like that of Bruce Lee. He continues to be a major influence for me, both physically and mentally. I thank his family and friends for preserving so well all the teachings, philosophies and even the little anecdotes of such an extraordinary individual.

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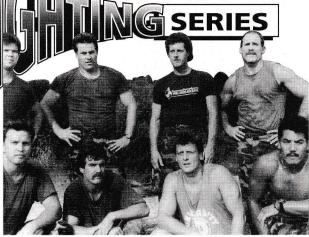
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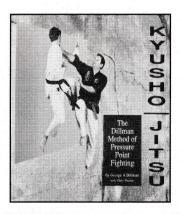
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I think Bruce would have been proud of his son. Well Brandon, you have emerged from the shadow and have come into your own. Congratulations on your well-deserved success. Wish you were here to enjoy it.

> Eddie Micalief Fort Lee, NJ

Just Different

AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE Jeet Kune Do Association, I would like to take this opportunity to respond to a recent letter published in your magazine written by Richard Bustillo, director of the IKD Society.

I also served on the Board of Directors of the JKD Society, and I am an original JKD student from the Oakland JKD kwoon. Because of differences of philosophy, the Jeet Kune Do Association was founded three years ago. Its primary focus is to preserve and provide training in the original jeet kune do and street self-defense.

My lineage and credentials in JKD as well as in kempo and ju-jitsu have been throughly investigated and certified to be authentic by the World's Headmaster Council (WHC) and the World Head of Family Sokeship Council (WHFSC). These grandmaster organizations also fully recognize and sanction the JKD Association as a legitimate martial art organization. The Jeet Kune Do Association has never requested nor do we need an endorsement from Bustillo or his JKD Society. He has his JKD and we have our JKD.

Neither of us should be considered right or wrong, just different. It is up to the individual practitioner to decide which JKD path works best for him.

> Gary Dill Bartlesville, OK

Time for an Investigation

IN A RECENT ISSUE OF IKF several letters addressed a problem that is currently plaguing the Jun Fan gung-fu/JKD concepts community.

This problem is being represented by certain people as a question as to whom is in charge of JFGF/JKD. I believe this representation to be a grossly inaccurate assessment of the situation. The real problem is not whom is in charge, but who is legitimately representing the teaching, philosophy and fighting concepts that Bruce Lee devel-

I recently spent several months investigating several well-published "JKD instructors" and found that they all have two things in common: their mutual dislike for each other and the lack of any legitimate credentials that associate them in any way to Bruce Lee and his art.

From falsified documents to pure fantasy, these gentlemen are perpetrating a martial arts hoax that is being catered to by the martial arts community. This is being made possible, in part, by many martial arts publications' inability to

verify the credentials of individuals writing for their magazine and the need for fantastic headlines to attract buyers.

Is there a solution to this problem? Absolutely! If IKF is interested in publishing an article that clearly and accurately represents that situation it should assign a reporter to do an in-depth look at the claims, credentials and just plain lies that are being published. I sincerely think that such an investigation will cause many "JKD instructors" to find another art to practice.

> Michael A. Krivka Gaithersburg, MD

Shining Star is Dark

I WAS SADDENED TO HEAR of the passing of Mas Oyama. He was truly one of the martial arts' brightest shining stars.

His prowess in breaking and his showmanship were an inspiration to me early in my karate career. Oyama was a complete martial artist whose efforts to spread the word and spirit of budo around the globe will not be forgotten.

George A. Dillman Reading, PA

Wing Chun Jam

I AM WRITING TO SET the recond straight in regard to "Pak Jam Dao and Jam Dao-Present-Day Training of Traditional Wing Chun Weapons" in your June, 1994 issue.

The purpose of this article was to impart the true original authentic broadsword form as it was passed secretly through generations. It is unfortunate that an error of omission occurred in the place of origin, namely the typist. As a result the pak jam dao form was incomplete.

The butterfly sword form consists of eight sections ranging from very basic to very advanced. The pak jam dao form has a traditional beginning which includes a kick, and then moves into a movement where the swords come forward into a jum sau and basic stance. Here are the eight sections:

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- The fourth section (gaun dao) is a block against another weapon similar to
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USAWKF to Hold First National Competition and International Invitational

By Jeff Bolt

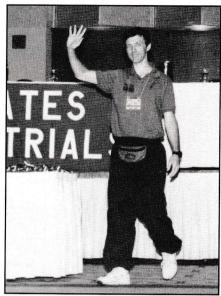
ORLANDO, Fla.—The USA Wushu Kungfu Federation will hold its first national competitions Sept. 3-5 at the luxurious Marriott's Orlando World Center near the Disney World complex here.

This event will consist of two parts. One will be the USAWKF national competitions that will determine the official rankings for the advanced Chinese martial arts competitors who have qualified in official USAWKF regionals. These regionals took place throughout the United States from last April-July.

The other part will be a general competition, which is open to all competitors in the Chinese martial arts, including U.S. competitors who may or may not have qualified for the national ranking portion of this event as well as international guest competitors. For this part of the event, beginning, intermediate and advanced divisions will be offered for children, teens and adults. Both parts of this event will take place concurrently.

The national ranking portion of the event will consist of the top five athletes for each event from each of the regional competitions. In other words, each region will send its top five traditional broadsword competitors, top five Yang style taiji form competitors, top five wushu changquan competitors, etc. In total, there are 25 different events that will determine official Top 10 national ranking. The general competition, open to all competitors, will offer these same 25 events, plus more.

All general competition competitors should register individually by sending their registration form to the address shown at the end of this article. All general competition competitors should register in advance no later than Aug. 15. The competition committee reserves the right to limit the number of competitors, so be sure to register in



Jeff Bolt

advance to ensure your spot in the competition. All national qualifier competitors who are competing for official national rankings will be registered by their USAWKF regional presidents or coordinators.

Since this is the first year for holding official regional competitions for the USAWKF, it is likely some individuals were not aware of required competitions in their region. This is bound to happen in the first year. It is, therefore, possible that some potentially high-ranking athletes will not qualify for national ranking this year. However, the beginning of the 1995 regionals are only eight months away and it is hopeful that most everyone will get the word of their next regional in plenty of time. All athletes should contact their regional representatives of the USAWKF for more

information about the 1995 regionals.

It is also possible that a region's national competition roster may not be filled. In other words, there could be less than five athletes in certain events who have been registered by the region for the national competition. This could be because of either not having enough athletes competing in those particular events or that some qualifying athletes are not available to travel to Orlando for the nationals.

In either case, openings may exist. All advanced-level athletes who have not qualified in a regional event and who would like to compete in the national event for official ranking in Orlando, should contact their USAWKF regional representatives about unfilled positions.

If an advanced level competitor wishes to compete for national ranking and there was no regional competition held in his area, then that athlete should contact the national competition headquarters in Houston, Texas, as soon as possible. It is still possible to register for the national competition if space is available.

In addition to recognizing the top individuals for each event, each region will also accumulate points according to how their athletes rank. As a result, the regions themselves will be ranked. This should help spark a regional rivalry as well as "push" each region to develop high-quality athletes within their region for future nationals. It is hoped a martial arts "map" can be developed to show where the location of the traditional forms athletes, the top wushu athletes, the top fighters, push hands competitors, and shuai chiao competitors.

The upcoming event in Orlando will also serve as a USAWKF convention where all participants can learn more about this fast-growing

Kuk Sool Won Event Attracts 500

By Jane Hallander

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—Oblivious to the fact that another tournament was being held at the same here, kuk sool won grandmaster In Hyuk Suh greeted 500 competitors for this annual Northern California competition.

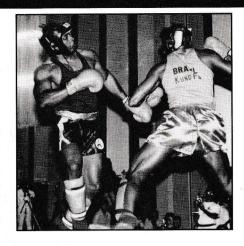
Schools from Northern and Southern California, Washington, Texas and Canada sent students to compete in forms, sparring, breaking and spontaneous self-defense divisions.

Rather than declare grand champions in

just forms or sparring, this kuk sool won tournament selected all-around grand champions from those who won top honors in their divisions.

The grand champions were: Edward Yoo, Junior Grand Champion; Fredrick Yoo, Men's First-Degree Grand Champion; Yvon Senecal, Men's Second-Degree Grand Champion; Rhonda Macleod, Women's Grand Champion; and David Hespelt, Senior Grand Champion.





organization. The facilities at Marriott's Orlando World Center will provide for an excellent event with its many restaurants, shops, sports bar, giant swimming pool and a competition area of more than 51,000 square feet. It also has its own golf course for those who wish to get in a few rounds before or after the event. All participants should reserve their hotel room as soon as possible to take advantage of staying in the same hotel as the competition site.

All participants will also be happy to know that because of the large space available, all competing events will be pre-scheduled in that each event will start at a specific time and the schedule for all events will be posted on Friday, the day before the competitions begin. In this case, everyone can make specific plans "around" their competition schedule.

Airport shuttles are available to all at a reasonable price and there are many busses which participants can take to any one of the many surrounding theme parks such as Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom and Epcot Center. Everyone may wish to plan their travel schedule so that there will be time to visit one or more of these great vacation spots while in Orlando. Also, there are discount airfares through Continental Airlines available for this event.

The USA Wushu Kungfu Federation is dedicated to promoting the Chinese martial arts and to continuously improving the quality of those arts. Several USAWKF regional organizations have already been established and all are working together to help promote our arts in a consistent and high-quality manner.

This tournament will be a prelude to a much bigger event next year, when the Chinese martial arts world will be looking at the USAWKF as it hosts the 3rd World Wushu Championships in Baltimore, Md., where more than 60 countries are expected to attend. This will be possible because of the hard work provided by president Anthony Goh and his excellent staff. In fact, a great deal of work has already been done.

This is a tremendous undertaking by such a young organization but the individuals across the country who help make up the USAWKF are not so young and inexperienced. The many individuals making up the USAWKF from the regional to the national executive board are the most professional, honest and dedicated in the world.

Everyone has a voice in how the USAWKF should operate and promote the Chinese martial arts. One should simply join the regional organization and become a part of it. It is easy to stay outside, do nothing and yet still criticize. It will take at least a few more years to complete the organization process of the USAWKF. In the meantime, however, progress continues thanks to the efforts by many individuals around the coun-

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1st World Taiji Training Conference Planned

BEIJING, China—The 1st World Conference on Tai Chi Training will be held here Oct. 20-25. The objective is to advance the world understanding of tai chi and qigong to popularize and promote good health, which is traditional to Chinese culture.

There will be a series of interesting events that will make your participation a rewarding experience. Highlights of the program include: plenary lectures, training courses including "internal alchemist meditation" and one set of tai chi, symposia; a tai chi trade show on health care; and many other activities.

Eight well-known tai chi masters, including a world tai chi champion and the head coach at the 11th Asian Games, will attend the conference. The conference will be followed by post-tours accompanied by tai chi masters to world-famous historical sites such as Xian (Terra-Cotta Soldiers & Horses), Shaolin Temple (the hometown of Shaolin), and Beijing (The Great Wall).

The working languages of the conference will be English, Japanese, and Chinese (simultaneous interpretations will be provided). For more information, contact Sheri Yi, 11857 Coopers Court, Reston, VA 22091; (703) 361-7478.



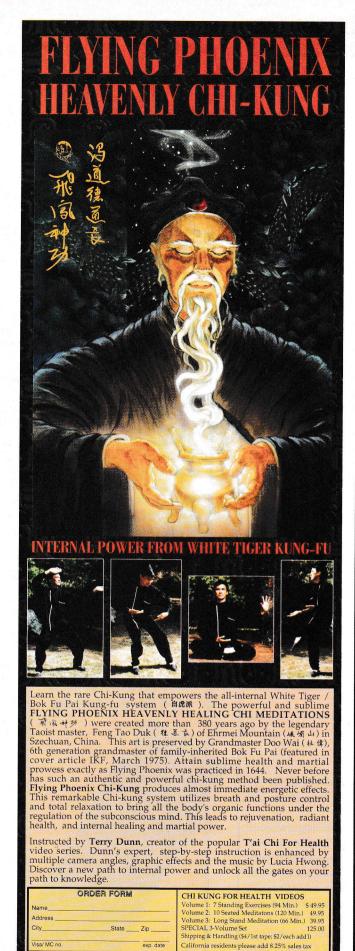
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Kubota to Host 7th **World Cup Event**

GLENDALE, Calif.— Soke Takayuki Kubota celebrates his 55th year in the martial arts by hosting the 7th Kubota World Cup Karate Championship Nov. 5-6 at Occidental College in Los Angeles.

The event, considered one of the premier martial arts tournaments in the country, could be buoyed by the presence of 39 countries, including Japan, Poland, Russia and Vietnam. For more information, contact the International Karate Association, Inc., 3301 N. Verdugo Rd., Glendale, CA 91208; (818) 541-1240 or (818) 246-0063 FAX.

Born in Kumamoto, Japan, Kubota began studying the martial arts at the age of four under the direction of his father, Denjiro Kubota. Because of his insatiable desire to learn every aspect of the arts, he trained daily, studied several different styles, and quickly distinguished himself by earning ad-



Soke Takayuki Kubota

vanced black belt rankings in karate, judo, aikido, kendo, and several other

Known to his students as soke for originating the go soku ryu (hand/fast) style, Kubota began his teaching career at the age of 14 and it has flourished ever since. For the last 35 years, he has been teaching police techniques ranging from simple handcuffing to his now world-famous baton and Kubotan techniques. In his career, soke has shared his methods with the Tokyo and Los Angeles Police Departments, the California Highway Patrol, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and many other law enforcement agencies.

Living in the U.S. since 1964 and an American citizen since 1974, Kubota devotes most of his time to teaching martial arts at his school in here, headquarters of the International Karate Association (IKA). He is the president and general instructor of the IKA, which currently has affiliate schools in 42 countries, and its tournament arm, the IKAT, a non-profit corporation dedicated to amateur athletics. He is widely regarded as an excellent instructor whose students have won countless national and international tournaments.

Kubota has written several books on the martial arts. They include the official Kubotan and T-Hold technique manuals for police use. Among his more famous works are The Art of Karate, Kubotan: Instrument of Attitude Adjustment, Weapons Kumite, and Close Encounters.

Kubota also has also found time to appear in nearly 300 feature films and television programs, as well as produce his own kata and meditation videotapes. A partial list of his film credits include, Black Rain, Gung-Ho, Blue Thunder, The Killer Elite, The Mechanic, and Rising Sun.

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Mark Chronicles "Journey" To Boston Audience

BOSTON, Mass.—Tai chi master Bow Sim Mark continues to break new ground in her mission to expose American audiences to the artistic side of Chinese martial arts.

Mark, who teaches tai chi to drama students at Harvard University's American Repertory Theater, recently was featured in an Emerson College production that saw her enacting the part of Kwan Yin, the Chinese goddess of compassion. Also performing was Balinese masked dance theater expert I Nyoman Catra, a visiting scholar at Emerson.

Under the direction of Emerson performing arts professor Ron Jenkins, Mark and Catra dramatized an episode taken from the classic Chinese work "Journey to the West". This well-loved epic chronicles the misadventures of the Monkey King, from his antic and highly unauthorized attainment of immortality to his eventual conversion to Buddhism.

Mark's contribution to the production also included developing a choreography that drew on tai chi, hsing-I, and weapon techniques to advance the characterizations. Catra and his students performed the role of the Monkey King and his clan, providing the audience with a rare glimpse of the authentic Balinese monkey dance with accompanying chanting.

The cross-cultural production also featured Chao Bin Chang, a classically trained dancer from Taiwan, and Desak Made Suartilaksmi, an awardwinning Balinese composer and singer. The show, timed to coincide with the Asian New Year celebration, also featured a performance by the Balinese gamelan orchestra of MIT.

Encouraged by the enthusiastic reception her work has been receiving from the Boston arts community, Mark is now planning a second collaboration with Emerson College. This performance, tentatively scheduled for November, will be based on the legend known as "Wang Zhaojun goes beyond the Great Wall".

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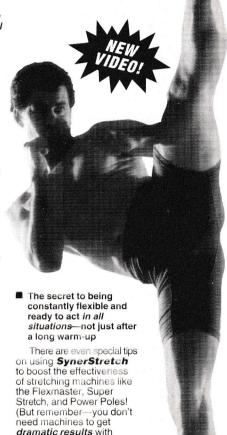
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hen we say internal martial arts, many automatically think of tai chi, hsing-I or paqua. However, internal training exists in many other Chinese martial arts. Choy li fut, for instance, contains the 18 Buddha form and another unique form—Buddha palm (fut jeung in Cantonese).

Buddha palm represents choy li fut's sudden, penetrating internal power side. In the mid-1800s choy li fut's founder, Chan Hueng, included teachings of a Shaolin temple monk named Choy Fook in certain choy li fut forms. Fook's specialty was Fut jeung or Buddha's palm—the internal martial art of the Shaolin temple. His techniques consisted of pressing, jointlocking, chopping, grabbing and pulling actions. Choy Fook was the main reason choy li fut contains many open-hand fighting techniques.

Shaolin monks preferred palm strikes because they suited the Buddhist philosophy of nonviolence. While palm strikes can be as deadly as punches, they can also be more easily controlled—letting martial artists push opponents away if they choose not to injure them.

External martial arts are geared toward physically conditioning muscle, bone and tendons. These arts are usually practiced at full speed, with power characterized by a sharp expulsion of force. The resulting power comes from the combination of body mass and momentum thrown at the opponent.

Internal styles develop the body internally by increasing the flow of qi (chi) through the body and out into an opponent in the form of penetrating open-hand blows. Internal martial arts use no force against force. Whenever necessary to tense the striking areas during a technique, muscles will not tire as easily as those who know only external power. The movements and techniques of internal practitioners are natural and effortless, as they use their qi to add energy and strength to external techniques.

The internal power from Buddha palm is similar to a snake's energy. Snakes move with

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relaxed, smooth actions, appearing to be soft and yielding. However, if you try to grab a snake, it shows its relaxed strength by resisting your efforts with surprising power.

Buddha palm uses the concept of yin and yang. Yin is represented by soft, slow movements, while yang comes out as hard, fast power. Many ancient stories of internal strength tell of hard carrying soft and soft carrying hard. This is a description of the blending of internal and external strength to produce penetrating power.

Although expressed in quick, powerful movements, yang energy is as internal as the slower yin force. It is like a garden hose that is soft and flexible until water pressure causes the water's force to become hard. Qi is the internal pressure that hardens yang power.

Buddha palm is practiced with both slow, soft techniques and fast, hard techniques. Many people see only the soft side of Buddha palm, missing the powerful yang side, with its outward expression of qi power built up through Buddha palm's circular open-hand techniques.

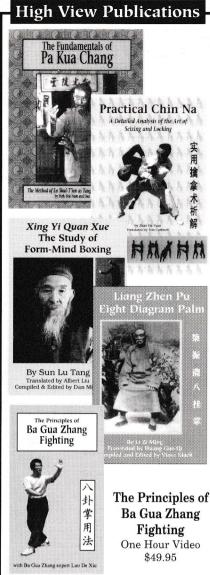
There are four types of yang power (ging) in Buddha palm. One is sut ging (hard power). This is a sudden, explosive power. Someone struck with sut ging will be knocked across the room.

Next is junging (shaking power). If grabbed or pushed, a Buddha palm stylist uses his power to bounce the assailant out of range. Tanging (springy force) doesn't necessarily move the opponent when he is hit. However, their ribs may crack and they may suffer internal injuries.

Finally comes chun ging (coiling power). The softest of Buddha palm's forces, chun ging allows defenders to redirect the opponent's power and turn it against him. Chun ging is seen often in jointlocking techniques.

A well-rounded training form, Buddha palm consists of approximately 80 movements, 90 percent of which are open-hand techniques. The remaining ten percent are fist strikes. Since beginners usually have little concept of relaxed power and may injure their fingers if they hit something with an open-hand technique, Buddha palm is best suited for advanced martial artists. Advanced

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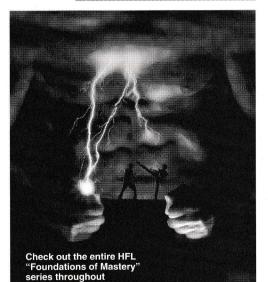
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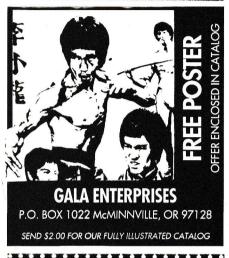
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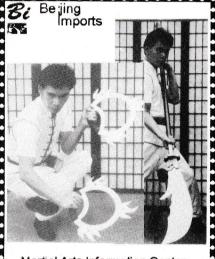


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Attack Timing

iming is probably the most important factor in determining the outcome of a fight. Even if your techniques are otherwise flawless, you will never be victorious if they are not correctly timed. You can learn all the good techniques from your sequences and know all of their applications, but if you do not practice pushing hands, matching sets and free sparring, you will never be able to use your techniques in a real fight.

To train timing, you must build your natural reactions beyond what you think is possible. If you develop your natural reactions, you will gradually build up a natural understanding of attack and defense timing as you accumulate experience. This month's column will discuss and analyze such timing.

Generally speaking, when your enemy intends to attack, he first generates an attacking yi. His chi is also generated at this time, but it does not yet show in his postures. A high-level martial artist can sense his opponent's intention through his facial expression, body posture or even by directly sensing his chi. When the opponent's vi has grown sufficiently, his jing (chi-infused muscular strength) will then begin to show. When his yi reaches its maximum, the jing is still growing; when his jing reaches its maximum, the yi has usually begun to withdraw, which causes the jing to stop and then also start to withdraw. Remember, the yi comes first, then the chi. This chi then supports the jing so that it can reach its maximum. Before jing reaches its maximum, the yi has already been there, and when jing reaches its maximum, the yi is withdrawing.

Development of your chi helps you support your jing as you express it through your posture. Therefore, when you sense your enemy's chi, it means that his yi is forming, and his chi is not yet strong enough to support jing. If you attack just when you sense his intention and chi, you can disturb the forming of his yi and chi and put him into a passive, disadvantageous situation. It takes a great deal of experience to sense the opponent's

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intention. This is one of the timings used for "cold jing" (leenz jing). This is the best among the best timings for attacking the enemy.

When your opponent's yi is about complete, his chi has been generated and is ready to support jing if you take time to interrupt his yi and stop his jing. The jing he generated will bounce back to him. Since his yi is almost complete, it is totally concentrated on attacking, and he will not be able to instantly stop his attacking yi and withdraw his chi and jing. His jing will therefore bounce back and disrupt his own balance and root. This is the first timing of "borrowing jing".

When your opponent's jing has reached its maximum, his attacking yi will be weakening. At this time his jing is at its strongest. If you can borrow his jing at this instant, you will be able to bounce him away. This type of borrowing jing is much more difficult to master than the last type, since your timing has brought you to the actual point of jing's emission. Otherwise, when your opponent's yi is complete and his jing is emitted, you block or avoid his attack first, and then counterattack. Most martial artists can accomplish this type of timing.

When your opponent's attacking yi ends, and his yi is about to withdraw, you should take this opportunity and attack in along his extended limb before he withdraws it. When his yi is about to withdraw, his defensive capability is weak, and vital areas are exposed because his arm is extended. If you take this moment to attack just as he is starting to withdraw, you will certainly get him unless he is very skilled in sticking hands.

As you can see, timing is important both offensively and defensively. The tactical advantages of correct timing must be trained ceaselessly to build up your sense of it until it becomes instinctual.

Furthermore, by studying and practicing attack timing, you can learn important aspects of strategy much more concretely than if you studied them from a book. A martial artist must take his knowledge from as many sources as possible, and should vary his training while still focusing on the core principles of his style.

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It follows that for a mere mortal to attempt to improve upon the sacred style is nothing short of blasphemy. While many of Bruce Lee's followers use this mode of thinking, those who have researched and understood Bruce Lee's jeet kune do



concept adhere to the opposite philosophy.

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Research

This is the easiest way to improve your art. If you feel deficient in a particular area of martial arts, go to someone who is an expert and learn from them! It is really quite simple. And the fact is that you have already used this idea. Everyone

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instinctually knows how to fight, but probably not too efficiently.

A reason that you signed up at a martial arts school was not to learn how to fight, but how to fight better. You should use this same attitude to improve your present skill level. Learn to fight more efficiently from someone who can help you. I have done this throughout my martial arts career and I will continue to do it. Instructors are often afraid of "looking bad" in an unfamiliar range after they have gotten used to "looking good" all the time. Don't let pride get in the way of your growth in the arts. Just remember, there is no shame in improving.

Experimentation

Experimentation is a fun way to improve your art. It is very gratifying to play with the variables and find techniques and counters that are new to you. Just be sure to realize that the techniques that you found have been there all the time. You have actually "rediscovered" them for yourself. Those moves have been there all along and you just happened to take the correct path that led you to them. Just as it is easy to let pride keep you from training in an unfamiliar system, don't get a big head just because you found a few techniques that are probably the basics of some other style.

A good way to experiment is to take a technique that you are familiar with and analyze it. Then, change some of the variables and see what you come up with. Some of the new techniques will be good, and many of them will be improbable. Every good one is well worth the time it takes to find them.

For example, say you are countering a right punch by parrying with your left hand on the outside of your opponent's forearm while your right punch goes over his arm to hit the face (pak sao in wing chun). You can change the technique in many ways. If you can parry on the outside, you can parry on the inside. If you punch over the arm, you can punch under the arm. If you can counter a right punch, you can counter a left punch, or a kick, or an elbow, or knee. If you can hit the face, you can hit the biceps, solar plexus, throat, etc. You can use this experimental method on any technique that you know to find others that are new to you.

Observation

Observation entails watching others working out to see what techniques they use or the way they train. Sometimes it even occurs by noticing how you flow in certain situations. When you are

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Jet Rises Above Cast

ackie Chan may have made a splash in *Drunken Master II*, but no one is going to mistake him for Huang Fei-hung, even though that's who is supposed to be playing. And, despite what Tsui Hark does with the greatly anticipated *Once Upon a Time in China V* (which involves the character in the Boxer Rebellion), the man modern audiences will always identify in the role is Jet Lee (aka Lin Lei Ji).

Ever since this real-life martial arts champion took on the role of China's most venerable Confucian hero, he has grown as both a star and actor. He certainly knew what it was like to be idolized—he had been Mainland China's answer to Shirley Temple and Macauley Culkin put together after he displayed remarkable kung-fu skills from a young age.

He became a beloved movie star in the three Mainland Shaolin Temple movies, but it wasn't until he assumed the mantle of Huang Fei-hung that his superstardom was assured.

Then the riff came between him and producer/director Hark, after which Jet set out to disprove Hark's assertion: "Without me, you're nothing!" Things have not been going well with Hark since. Once Upon a Time in China, with Jet's replacement, was a box-office failure. Hark's Green Snake was an outright disaster.

Meanwhile, Jet's career has consolidated and even risen. He certainly isn't at a loss for roles. After a final stab at Huang in *The Last Hero in China* (wherein only Jet didn't suffer from director Wang Jing's goofy approach), he embarked on a series of hits, including Fong Sai-yuk and *The Tai-chi Master*. As a new Jet Lee movie came out with each season, it even seemed as if Jet was purposely setting out to play every great martial arts character in Hong Kong cinema history.

The two latest examples of Jer's charisma are special for more than just his presense. The first also features the welcome return of Sammo Hung, who had been taking a sabbatical in New Jersey, of all places. Now he's back making movies in

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HK, and, if this phantasmagorical is any evidence, he's invigorated and refreshed. In this, he plays a 100 year-oldtaichi master, who takes the wounded, ill Jet under his wing until a demented cheft eaches the persecuted young man a mythical form of kung-fu.

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This satiric effort is marred by too many special effects and too few authentic martial arts—the height of which comes when Jet learns a whole new style in six hours, instead of the 30 years it was supposed to take. But it leaves you smiling when Jet takes on the trio of villains with extremely effective tai chi that he learns from Sammo, who shouts directions from the sidelines. Yup, it's that kind of movie, all right, and a sequel is already promised.

Following that, Jet got to play Huang Feihung's Shaolin Temple brother Hung See-kwan, but in a way that veteran HK audiences had never seen. This is Hung See-kwan Meets Shogun Assassin. Or, in more authentic terms, Hung See-kwan Meets Lone Wolf and Cub. Or even Baby Cart Hung See-kwan. In fact, Hung See-kwan hides his trademark spear in his young son's wooden babywalker in this film's action-packed opening.

Then, the homage being made, the baby cart is pointedly destroyed and off we go on a very entertaining, occaisionally loopy effort that teams Jet with an extremely attractive adversary/love interest, and an extremely capable, extremely likeable, 9-year-old son. Even though the baby cart is destroyed, the filmmakers fashion a Chinese "Lone Wolf and Cub" movie anyway, only this cub doesn't just watch his dad slaughter his enemies, he jumps in and helps with consummate kung-fu.

The only problem with this charming, exciting effort is that they create an invincible villain, then can't seem to figure out exactly how to get rid of him. At that point, the whole film starts to unravel, but Jet and son hold it together by sheer force of will. It is this ability to fascinate with the force of his personality alone (not to mention kung-fu skill that is second to none) that shows Jet Lee will always be something...no matter who is his director or producer.

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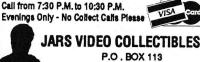
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rom 1981-85, I was the undefeated forms champion of the open karate points circuit. During this time, my goal was to remain number one for five consecutive years and then retire at the

I gave up many things to achieve this goal, but it was well worth it. When I hit the city where a competition was being held, while everyone else was enjoying the sites, you would find me at a local martial arts school polishing my routines.

Swimming or playing tennis? Forget it. I devoted all my spare time to forms and weapons practice. It was easy for me since I owned a martial arts school and was there 12-to-15 hours a day. When I wasn't practicing, I was thinking of ideas on how to improve my form. I've traveled to China, Hong Kong and Taiwan just to study from different masters.

Now, I'm not saying you have to take such drastic measures to perfect your forms work; it was just my obsessions to achieve a goal which was near and dear to my heart.

Whenever I won a competition, I would come back to my school and practice harder. I never slacked off in my training because I won and I knew I would could win again. No matter how good you are at something, you can always get

Funny thing, when I started training in tang soo do, I preferred fighting and kicking to forms work. The last thing on my list always was forms practice. I didn't like it because I didn't really understand the purpose of practicing it and also I felt very uncoordinated. For the life of me, I couldn't remember how to turn in basic I.

One day my instructor, Frank Trojanowicz, gave a lecture on practicing. If you're not good at a particular technique, you are not practicing. Stop being lazy and work on your weaknesses. Well, I felt he was talking directly to me about my forms. I was embarrassed and decided to practice and understand my form.

Of course, the more you practice the better you get and when you know you're good you begin what you once hated. After five months of practice I entered the women's forms division, which at that time went from white belt to black belt. I captured second place. It was the first time in my life I ever won anything. From then on I was

My theory for form practice is to first under-

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stand your form. Know what every movement means and then work on speed and power. Repetition is the key. Next, I would take certain patterns and work on them as hard and as fast as

Nowwork on rhythm. Timing is so important in making a form look dynamic. Do some moves faster, slower, stronger, whatever it takes to look the best. One thing I've learned from competition is that your have to give 100 percent into your form. Feeling and eye control are importantwhere you look or how you look could change the whole appearance of your form. You've heard of the "Eye of the Tiger"! Be sharp.

Your presentation should be confident. Whether you are in a competition, taking a test, doing a demonstration or just practicing by yourself, have confidence that you are going to perform your best.

It's very easy to spot a person who is nervous about performing. Before I hit the floor, I would psyche myself up by saying, "You are going to win, you are the best, get out there and show everyone." Confidence works.

Whether or not you win, always strive to do your best and try to be better next time. Remember, when practicing your form have an understanding of movement, speed, power, dynamics, rhythm, confidence, and creativeness. But above all, enjoy yourself and be proud of what you have already accomplished.

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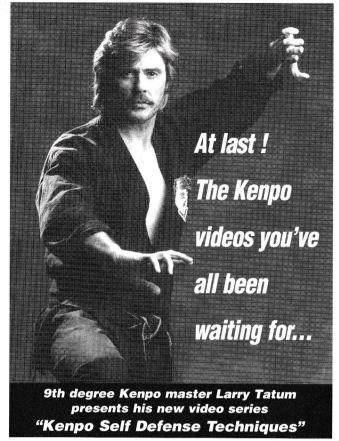
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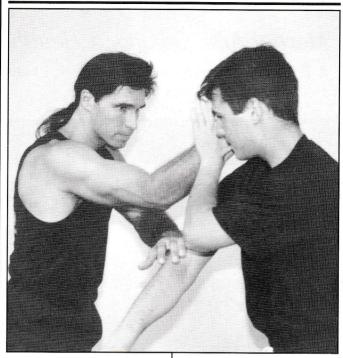
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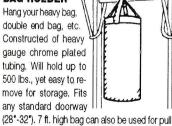
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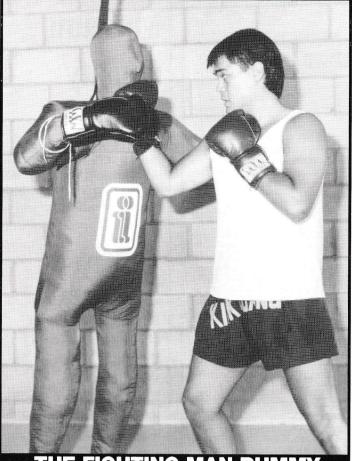
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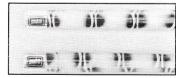
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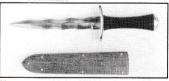


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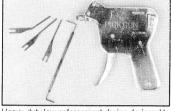
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BY TED WONG AND TOMMY BONG

ne major misconception that many martial artists believe is that jeet kune do is nothing more than a modified wing chun system with the addition of some long-range kicks from the northern gung-fu (kung-fu) styles. But JKD involves much more than this simple generalization; it is the end product of Bruce Lee's martial arts evolution, including a whole change in approach and attitude to the fighting arts.

One would notice that Lee's training closely followed his evolution in the martial arts. By observing the evolution of his training regimen, one would discover Bruce Lee's transition from



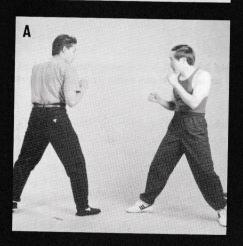








From the on-guard position (1), the defender slips (2) a left front punch. The defender then executes a rear cross (3) to the body and a shovel hook to the midsection (4). He follows with a hook kick to the attacker's back (5).





Below: From the on-guard position (A), Ted Wong (right) executes a high fingerjab at his assistant, Bruce Wong (B). His assistant attempts to block. Ted then executes a front hook kick to the midsection (C).





wing chun to jeet kune do, thereby understanding where Lee came from, where he went, and where he might have gone had he lived.

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He also spent time on developing the strength in his upper body required to trap effectively.

Increasing the strength in his arms and shoulders would help Lee perform chi sao more effectively. This included weight training to increase his forearm size and wrist strength utilized in the wing chun short-range punch as well as doing fingertip push-ups for the wing chun fingerjab technique. Through his understanding that chi sao was used to cultivate a constant energy flow, Bruce Lee also performed some isometric exercises that would develop this flow.

It should be mentioned that although he professed that the strong side of the body should always be in front during a confrontation because of the advanced positions of the limbs, Bruce Lee taught that both the left and right sides would both be cultivated for combat.

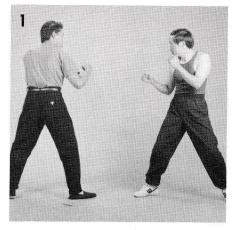
This was because an unexpected fight may

occur while the practitioner is in any position. In addition, jeet kune do endorses the coordination of the whole body, including the arms and shoulders, to move as one unit so maximum power can be achieved relative to one's body size and weight.

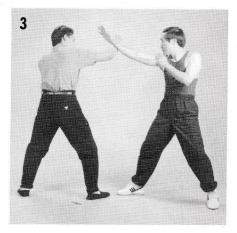
DIFFERENT WORKOUTS

After his famous altercation in Oakland during the mid-1960s, Bruce Lee found himself unusually winded, thus he increased his endurance workout by running more, using the stationary bicycle, jumping rope, and shadowboxing. At the same time, Lee began to change his approach to the martial arts, and this reflected in his training. One example is that with his new emphasis on adaptability, realism, and functionality, Bruce Lee de-emphasized the practice of pre-arranged

"Eventually, chi sao and wing chun wooden dummy workouts became non-existent in Bruce Lee's training by the late 1960s."













From the on-guard position (1), Ted Wong (right) executes a low stop kick to the opponent's knee (2). He then follows with a high fingerjab (3). As his opponent attempts to block (4), he then executes a lop sao. He follows with a left rear punch to the head (5). As the opponent attempts to block the left rear punch, Wong executes another lop sao (6) and follows with a right front punch to the head.

forms training, since it did not effectively and efficiently prepare a student for combat.

Instead, contact drills and full-contact sparring became increasingly important.

When Lee began to integrate some of the longer-range kicks, his training emphasis moved toward general physical conditioning for overall body strength and stamina since kicking would be more taxing on the cardiovascular system. As kicking was to be used more often, leg strength became particularly important, so kicking the shield, doing leg raises and squats with weights, and stretching for flexibility became regular exercises. Furthermore, as Bruce Lee became more and more influenced by boxing, many of the training and conditioning exercises from that sport became heavily adopted such as using the heavy bag, the top and bottom bag, and the focus pad. However, Lee would not only use these devices with hands, but also his feet.

With Lee's emphasis on longer-range fighting, distance and mobility became key issues. Countless hours were spent on developing smooth and rapid footwork to bridge and maintain distance, thus allowing Lee to quickly get in and out of a confrontation. Drills were used that developed one's chasing ability so that one could

effectively catch one's fleeing opponent. Therefore, speed also became extremely important.

Such issues as initial movement, non-telegraphic motion, economy of motion, efficiency, and the lead hand/foot became vital in jeet kune do. With this additional speed, Bruce Lee could cleanly hit an opponent from a distance of six feet or more.

ANOTHER DIRECTION

Thanks to this emphasis on other fighting ranges, Lee began to taper his wing chun training more and more. For example, since he sought to increase his skill in the other combative ranges besides the trapping range (kicking, punching, and grappling), Bruce Lee would naturally begin to practice wing chun less frequently. Eventually, chi sao and wing chun wooden dummy workouts became non-existent in Bruce Lee's training by the late sixties.

Along with working on certain techniques such as the front hand lead punch and the side-

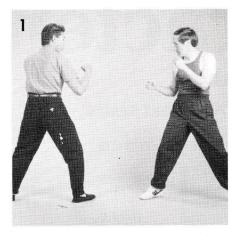
kick, Bruce Lee began to isolate and work specific muscles that were used in these techniques, so that the training became more specialized to increase the performance of particular techniques. Next, Lee would consider different possibilities for improving the techniques. Finally, he would actually change the technique to make it better or more versatile for himself. This is really what jeet kune do is all about: the self-discovery of one's self through the process of simplification.

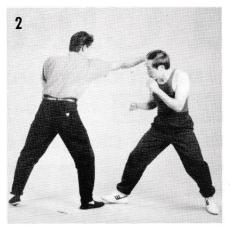
Bruce Lee never adopted another martial art (technique or training method) simply because it was good, but rather if it complemented what he was already doing. In addition, if Lee adopted something from another martial art, he would have modified it so much to fit him that it would not resemble the original art at all. If Lee had lived, he would most likely have developed exercises and training methods that would help him maintain the peak physical condition that he earlier achieved.

Bruce Lee stressed simplicity in his fighting. It is not how much knowledge or how many tech-

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"Countless hours were spent on developing smooth and rapid footwork to bridge and maintain distance, allowing Lee to quickly get in and out of a confrontation."











From the on-guard position (1), the defender (right) slips a right jab (2). The defender then executes an elbow strike to the midsection (3). He follows with a left leg takedown (4) and a kick (5) to the opponent's head.

niques one knows that will make him a better fighter, but rather how well one can use this knowledge and these techniques. What Bruce Lee called "hacking away theunessentials" was his way of streamlining his fighting arsenal to its bare essentials. This was to cut down on the confusion that one encounters when trying to figure out what response would be most appropriate to a given situation.

As a result, one would notice that JKD has very few techniques in its arsenal when compared to other martial arts. Jeet kune do is all about doing what is instinctual and natural. It is simply about being yourself.

EQUIPMENT TRAINING

Bruce Lee was one of the first martial artists to utilize many pieces of training equipment to hone his combative skill. In line with his convictions that realistic training and sparring were the most effective ways of cultivating fighting prowess, Bruce Lee sought training devices which would allow realistic practice and drilling.

Effective training equipment would be able to continually withstand Lee's full-power kicks and punches without breaking or falling apart, giving Lee the appropriate "feeling" when he hit it, while allowing Lee to use it with a partner so that a

human element was involved.

Bruce Lee felt that the standard heavy bag is one of the best pieces of training equipment for developing power, stamina, and conditioning. He also had an extra-large heavy bag so that he could develop even more tremendous power by throwing full-power kicks into it. Lee would often hold the kicking shield for a new acquaintance who was unaware that Lee would later want to kick the shield.

Another way that Lee conditioned the body was by receiving blows from the medicine ball. The speed bag and the top and bottom bag were used to develop rhythm, timing, and distance in Lee's punches and kicks. Another of Lee's favorite pieces of training equipment was the focus gloves because it requires the use of a partner, it is extremely versatile, and it develops great accuracy in punches and kicks. He even punched paper suspended by a string to increase his timing and accuracy. Lee also constantly conditioned his hands by punching his small straw pad, his gravel and sandbox, and his famous three-canvas bags.

The men who were principally responsible for building much of the innovative equipment were James Lee, George Lee (in Oakland), and Herb Jackson (in Los Angeles), all of whom were Lee's students. George Lee and Herb Jackson built and modified most of the mobile equipment that Bruce Lee used, such as the protective gear, focus gloves, and various kicking shields. Bruce Lee used three kinds of kicking shields: a modified football tackle shield, a kicking board made of wood with handles attached to the back, and a thick, five-foot tall wooden shield that was held with seatbelts over the shoulder. Jackson, a construction engineer, padded the back of the latter kicking shield so that the person holding the shield would be protected from Bruce Lee's powerful kicks.

James Lee, a welder by trade, ingeniously utilized heavy automobile parts in the unique training equipment he built so that they were durable and flexible. For instance, his so-called "thousand-way fighting dummy" was supported by a strong spring from behind so that it would spring back after being kicked. His use of springs on the arms of his modified fighting dummy, on his finger jab and head target devices, and on his foot obstruction and shin-kick apparatus made it so that the targets would be flexible and bend, thereby giving a more realistic feeling on the equipment. With all of the additional realistic training that Lee received from the use of his equipment, it is no wonder that he obtained such unmatched fighting skill.

CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS—FOUR GOALS, ONE PATH

Wushu Character

HOW TO RECOGNIZE IT, HOW TO CAPTURE IT

n my previous article, I stated that there were four main reasons for beginning the practice and study of Chinese martial arts (wushu/kung-fu). I prefer the term wushu (not to be confused with contemporary wushu). Wushu literally means martial art. This includes traditional wushu (what people in America call kungfu) and the standardized contemporary wushu. In fact, to be 100 percent precise, I should say Zhong Guo wushu (Chinese martial art) since European or Western boxing would be Western wushu. The four reasons are:

- 1. To strengthen the body and improve health;
- 2. To develop character;
- 3. To study an art form/science;
- 4. To develop self-defense abilities.

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

In the first article, I explained why the first emphasis was on health and strengthening the body. In this article, I will explain why the next concern in practicing and studying wushu should be character development.

CHARACTER—THE OFTEN-OVERLOOKED TRAIT

Anyone who has ever made a study of classics in Chinese literature such as *Outlaws of the Marsh* or *The Tale of the Three Kingdoms* will undoubtedly be struck with the recurrence of the martial hero in Chinese literature and culture. In these classics, the martial hero was known not only for his fighting ability, but also for his strength of character.

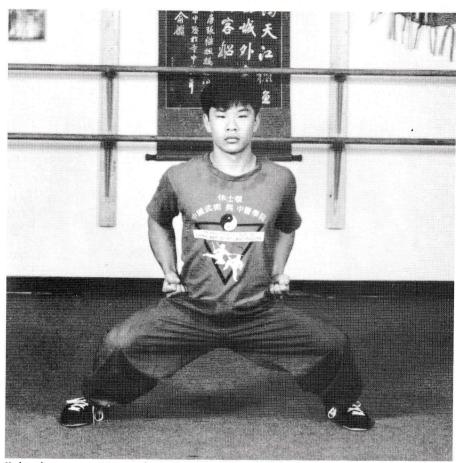
In Chinese culture, the character traits of bravery, decisiveness, perseverance, quick-wittedness, benevolence, chivalry, loyalty, honesty, insight, wisdom, and cleverness or intelligence are prized. In fact, it is these qualities that distinguish the true martial hero from the millions who merely practice the art.

Ideally, the training of the student's character begins even with the selection of the student. Notice I said the "selection" of the student, not the selection of the teacher. The initial responsibility and choice lies with the teacher. This is one concept that many Americans find disturbing. After all, if a person can afford the price of instruction, has the time and the interest, why should he not be given the instruction? This is a reasonable idea in a situation where there is a fee for service and a school business scenario.

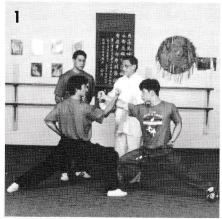
Traditionally in China this was not the case. Although there may have been a fee for instruction, the pairing of teacher and student is more PART 2

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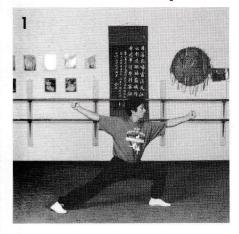
Ma bu or horse stance training was often used as a test of character. The serious student would persevere while others would give up or train half-heartedly.

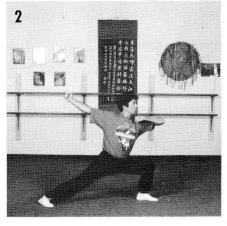


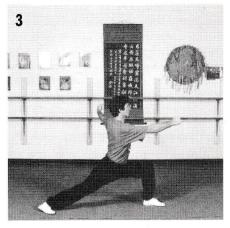
Dr. Wu instructs students on the application of techniques.



"Wushu training under a good teacher includes encouragement and training to not only avoid carelessness but also to develop courage."

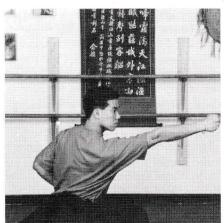






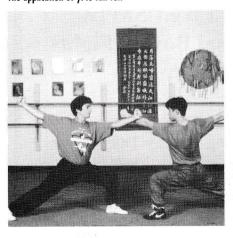






Part of bravery training includes training spirit in all techniques. Notice the intensity in the technique.

Above (1—5): Techniques such as yi lu tan tui (the first tan tui exercise) train balance and correct technique. At beginning stages, the applications and training methods are not discussed. This is where self-examination must come into play. Below: The application of yi lu tan tui.



considered and deliberate. One of the reasons is that the training can be difficult and long. An accomplished teacher would prefer spending time teaching a student who may not necessarily be the best at technique, but be an example of the virtues and morality that embodies wushu and Chinese culture.

Also, viewing wushu in perspective, teaching a student who is disloyal, dishonest, of quick temper, brutal, or who has a tendency toward violence is not that different from giving an unstable person a loaded gun. While the responsibility for any injury lies with the person who did the damage, the person who supplied the gun cannot escape a portion of the blame. Likewise, a poor student reflects on the morality and quality of the teacher. (In China, it was not uncommon for any punishment or revenge for the misdeeds of a student to be inflicted upon the teacher and teacher's family).

Unfortunately, in modern times in China and America (and possibly the rest of the world), many wushu teachers ignore the moral and character aspect of teaching, choosing to view this area as something removed from the training experience.

RESPONSIBILITY

One of the first areas of character and morality for wushu is responsibility. This can be broadened to the concept of chivalry. Chivalry includes bravery, gallantry, courtesy, and honesty (gallantry meaning nobility of spirit and deeds). The wushu master has a responsibility in choosing students and in teaching them chivalry. The student learns the responsibilities that accompany studying a martial art.

Another area of character development that should be emphasized in wushu training is perseverance and discipline. A qualified wushu master looks for the seeds of discipline and determination in potential students. Discipline is necessary to excel in any endeavor but is absolutely essential for wushu. Likewise, perseverance is required. It is not unusual for a student to improve rapidly for a while and then level off. This is where the teacher must coach in areas of discipline and perseverance. Without this type of instruction, even very talented students may give up and quit. Only with such encouragement will the student persevere,

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improve, and learn the lessons of patience, discipline, and hard work. These lessons then can be applied to life.

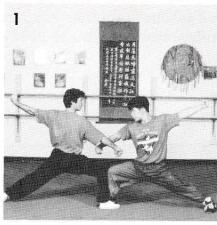
Through hard work and patience, it is then possible to develop insight and wisdom. It is for this reason that many wushu masters speak very sparingly of the fighting application held in many of the routines a student may learn and practice. A saying in China proclaims, "Learn fast, forget fast." Combined with the Western saving, "Experience is the best teacher", this captures the idea.

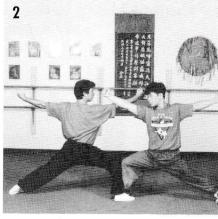
DISCOVERY AND INSIGHT

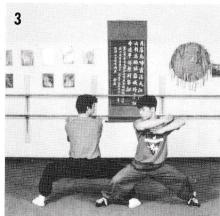
A competent wushu master could easily explain everything about a routine or the theory behind a system. How valuable would that really be, though? Things that come too easily are often not highly prized. Answering a riddle for someone deprives him of the exercise and experience of selfdiscovery and insight. This is truly one of the major benefits of wushu practice. It is the goal of many accomplished wushu masters to train students to exceed the teacher. In China this is referred to as "the green coming from the blue" (this comes from sword smithing where swords made by a certain famous sword smith had a green shine. This smith's student produced even finer blades. These were noted by their blue shine).

Another character trait developed through wushu practice is bravery. In any martial endeavor, it is good to be deliberate and careful. In

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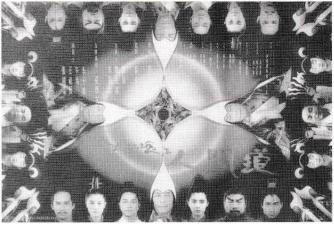
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sky, "CUT!"

Mortified silence looms in the hearts of many. But tonight my attention is glued to Tsui (pronounced "Choi") Hark, who has just orchestrated one of his patented moodsetting, action short shots on the set of *Once Upon a Time in China V*. His subliminal style of visual imagery can jolt a movie audience into feelings of unabashed pleasure and ecstacy. Again I found myself in a position to further my understand-



ing of Chinese film and Chinese methods of fight choreography, but from opposite sides of the railroad tracks from Jackie Chan.

HITTING THE LIMELIGHT

Looking down from the mountain-located Anderson Hill studios,

one is easily hypnotized by the well-lit, slow-moving boats ambering through Victoria Harbor, which is nestled between Hong Kong Island and Kowloon. But tonight my attention is glued to Tsui Hark. His lurid ghost thrillers, bloody rollicking gangster epics, and fast-paced supernatural-powered hero films have vaulted him into the American limelight.

Clockwise from upper left: Bridgette Lin Chin Xia in Swordsman III; a Chinese Ghost Story II poster art; Sam Hui with sword in Swordsman †, a poster from the movie White Crane; and Donnie Yen (left) with Jet Li in a scene from Once Upon a Time in China II

A small statured man, he is a giant in the film industry. Nearly 43, his most conspicious features are his thick tattered hair, curiously arranged facial growth and a gentle perpetual scowl. His intenseness creates perfection; he demands a lot from his film crews and even more from the talents that accept his challenge and venture beyond mediocrity under the auspices of his Film Workshop Company. One of Tsui's most widely known semi-creations is John Woo, who has recently made the leap into the American scene with his film, Hard Target, transcending to new levels because of his mentorized association with Tsui.

"There are two ways to get involved in the Chinese film industry," he explains. "One is that you work hard as a continuity person, stuntman or some sort of an assistant in a studio here in Hong Kong or you go overseas to film school. I always wanted to study film, I was so bored after Hong Kong high school that I decided to go to America and study film."

Dr. Craig D. Reid frequently has written on the Hong Kong film industry for Inside Kung-Fu.

KUNG-FU SOAP OPERA

Returning to Hong Kong, his 1978 mini-series, kung-fu soap opera "The Gold Dagger Romance" was accoladed as one of the most important works in the history of Hong Kong television. His unique camera style, storytelling and vivid choreographical creations changed the direction of Chinese television and is still the standard by which new action TV shows are compared.

"When I returned to Hong Kong, the industry was changing and money was available to replace the old-generation filmmakers," he notes. "It was first easier to break into TV and make those traditional style 'lian xu zhu' Chinese television kung-fu soap operas."

His first film, *Butterfly Murders* (1979), contained peculiar plot elements mixed with political allegory. Itwas about a group of people trapped inside a medieval castle and threatenend by killer butterflies.

But it was his fifth film that was to make cinematic history and change the direction of Hong Kong actionstyle martial art film. *Zu, Warriors From Magic Mountain* (1983), became an instant classic for its techniques, cinematography and wild and wooly action. Tsui's unusual frenetic-paced style of action rocketed him into a new era of filmmmaking.

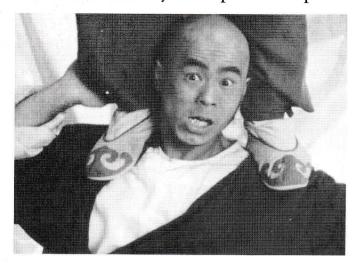
To appreciate Tsui's newly created action-film genre, it is helpful to understand how action fight films evolved in the Hong Kong movie industry.

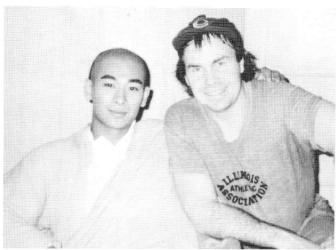
Originating in Shanghai in the 1920s, the first of these action-packed screen dramas called Wu Xia Pian (Hero films), drew liberally on traditional tales and legends of superhuman swordsmen and magical feats. By the late 1960s these films became known as Gung-Fu Pian (Kung-Fu films), where the characters fought with more believable skill levels. Bruce Lee and Jackie Chan brought this style of picture to new levels.

NEW HONG KONG STYLE

In the 1970s, Shaw Brothers financed the creation of the "Guo Shu Pian" (Neo-Hero films), which eloquently mixed the fights of the wu xia and gung-fu pians. When Chan moved to Golden Harvest, the gungfu pian died and was replaced with his newly invented style, Wu Da Pian (fight films using martial arts),

"These films are popular because they are so unrealistic. People live in small places within themselves, and they need a place to escape."





Jet Li's stunt double (top photo) from Once Upon a Time in China III Author Dr. Craig D. Reid with Zhao Wen Zhou (above) on the set of Once Upon a Time in China V.

which combined athleticism, martial arts and dangerous stunts.

At a time when poorly made kung-fu films were singlehandedly tarnishing the reputation of an industry, Tsui waved his magic scalpel $and gave Hong Kong cinema\, a\, face lift$ and created "Zu," the first "costume action drama" genre of film. His novel approach to the wu xia pian utilized incredible fight sequences, enhanced by elaborate aerial acrobatics, the choreographical wizardry of Hong Kong's current most soughtafter fight director Ching Siu Tung's sharp editing procedures, and a flurry of camera angles that rivaled Hitchcock mixed with Spielberg's imaginative imagery that broke the rules of classical visual perception.

Set in an ancient China ravaged by opposing factions, this mesmerizing film raised the sword-and-sorcery genre from its hollows of selfish individualism. Fleeing the bloody battles, a young, wide-eyed warrior (Yuen Biao) is adopted by a lone swordsman (Adam Cheng), who saved Yuen from flashing-eyed, magical-flying poltergeists in a dungeonic cave far below the normal world. Together they battle the formidable demon known as the Evil One. The Evil One dispatches blood crows to invade men's souls, fighting death spirits that use lightning bolts like swords and poles, then tries to release the blood beast. It's wild and fascinating to witness. The two meet up with another young student Mang Hoy.

SPECIAL, SPECIAL EFFECTS

The students must fuse their sacreds swords (i.e., the heavens and the earth), even at the risk of destroy-

ing their own identities and forfeiting their lives. With the Blood Beast and Evil One dead, the face of a Goddess fills the screen hailing their destined mission. A Godly priest (Samo Hung) then proclaims, "The young are really taking over the world," further assuring that nothing in the climax can be misinterpreted.

"I brought in American "FX" (special effects) technicians to help us with 'Zu'," he says. "Because the American and Hong Kong systems of filmmaking are different, I was concerned that the American technicians might have a difficult time adjusting to the Hong Kong workers and methods of filming. They constantly had arguments and didn't get along with the Hong Kong crew.

"Nine months later, during post production, I realized that about 50 shots were missing," he remembers. "Apparently a line producer, without my knowledge, had edited out the scenes from the script. I offered Golden Harvest to let me re-shoot and re-edit the project for free. They declined my offer. 'Zu' could have been a much better film, it has fast action, but it isn't a fancy film."

In 1987, Tsui further strengthed his foothold at the top by developing the sparklingly successful, box-office breaking, martial art/horror period piece, A Chinese Ghost Story.

"At the time I ventured into the horror genre of film, everyone believed that horror films had to have either hopping vampires, green skinned ghosts or monsters," he suggests. "But I wanted to take dailylife psychological elements and enlarge them to the point that they are scary. Plus I didn't want to emulate American films so I decided to make a horror film that Chinese audiences could relate to. Being a traditional tale, we called it A Chinese Ghost Story. I wanted to make a romantic love story about a female ghost falling in love with a mortal man." The film debuted five years before the similarly themed U.S. hit Ghost.

It was a lyrical tale of invincible demons and unrequited love. An innocent poet finds himself caught up in a monumental struggle against ubiquitous evil spirits amid his obessive infatuation with a ghost of exquisite beauty.

"GHOST" COMES TO LIFE

The most memorable images are the swirling silk—the beautiful ghost's long sleeves spinning like a hypno-wheel as she vanishes into thin air while flying toward the heavens. An evil ghost queen commands the pretty ghost to seduce wandering swordsmen and bring them to her lair. The queen's endless serpentining tongue then hurtles through forests, plunging into the unfortunate lover's mouth while sucking out their vital fluids.

The poet is pledged to become the evil queen's next victim, yet the ghost-girl falls in love with him and with the help of a Toaist hermit (Wu Ma), they storm the gates of the underworld. The earthlings brandish sacred sutras and hurl heavenly spikes at the black hordes of demon soldiers, so that the girl can be reincarnated and returned to the world of daylight.

Tsui's ghost story movies are basically action extensions of Taoism where the spirit-battling priest believes that heaven and earth are limitless, and that a man who sincerely identifies himself with the "path of righteousness" can be every bit as powerful as the most dreaded demon. This is more visually compelling when the actor portraying these worldly priests uses nothing but his own body for the actions sequences, flouting the laws of gravity, human anatomy and common sense.

The showy displays of choreography are the whole point of the film, proving the unprovable to even the most skeptical eye. Once more the key to the smart choreography was put into the hands of Ching Siu Tung, who not only directed this film, but also two sequels.

SUPERNATURAL BALLET

Tsui next developed a successful line of supernatural/fantasy, martial-stylized, costume-action dramas. The most noteworthy of this genre that showcased wild displays of ballet-like action, combined with the mysterious rituals and supernatural powers of age-old martial art heroes and villains, was his Ching Siu Tungdirected trilogy, *Swordsman*." His *Swordsman* films pay homage to the classic Chinese swordplay epics of yesteryear, with imaginative special effects and meticulously choreographed fights scenes and acrobatics

that defy the laws of gravity.

They are great examples of film that combine entertainment with spiritual sustenance, where good battles evil and high-vaulting villains disquise themselves as champions of the lowly. Plainly speaking, it's mighty impressive looking and just a lot of fun to watch. They set swordplay action dramas in flight to new plateaus.

The culmination of this trilogy recounts (sometimes vaguely) the struggle between rival factions and individuals trying to protect or selfishly master the mystical powers described in the heavily sought-after manuscript, "The Divine Book." The role call of characters varies from superpowered eunichs, mysterious Japanese swordsmen loyal to the main protagonist, the Invincible Fong of Asia, first as a man (Cheung Man), then as a woman (Brigette Lin Ching Xia), and, of course, the swordsman Ling (Sam Hui in I, Jet Li in II and part of III).

In his Once Upon A Time in China (OUTC) series (now at V), Tsui has successfully revamped the folklore hero Huang Fei-hung into a popular legend. Huang was a reallife martial arts hero who lived in Southern China in the 1930s. He was renowned for his chivalry and righteousness rivaled only by Robin Hood of the Western World. The first three installments starred the Mainland Chinese wushu champion Jet Li.

HUANG FEI-HUNG'S RETURN

Although about 60 percent of the shots of Li was his stunt-double (he plays the character Club Foot, which was introduced in part III), Li's inexperience and striking overconfidence ended in many minor injuries which constantly held up production and eventually led to Li's departure. For OUTC IV and V, he was replaced with another Mainland China star, Zhao Wen Zhou, who has only practiced wushu for four years.

Tsui's film *Iron Monkey* portrays Huang as an infant. It features the adolescent Huang learning the art of the umbrella, climaxing with an eccentric display of pugilistic mayhem amid a blazing inferno while fighting atop curious fence post arrays.

"These films are popular because they are so unrealistic," he main-""Continued on page 100

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There's more to becoming a top-ranked competitor than showing up on the day of the event. Here's everything you need to know to become a champion.

BY BRUCE FONTAINE

ou're serious about forms competition. You want to start competing and winning. Your routines are crisp, clean and fast. You've trained hard, but have done your homework?

If you're really serious, serious about winning, there are just a few more things you can do to improve your chances for success. For the smart competitor, the competition starts long before the day of the contest. It means you need to do more than just practice your forms.

Let's assume that your routines are winning material and you've trained hard and smart. We won't go into the individual training for an event; that's between you and your coach. What we will discuss are all those other things—the things you should or shouldn't do that can have a marked effect on your chances for success in all your future competitions.

The final weeks and days leading up to an event are of crucial importance. You'll have much to prepare and think about. Those little extras can cause a great deal of anxiety and stress. Which can produce additional drainages of energy and be taxing on the body. This makes the amount of rest and recuperation you get at this time of vital importance. What you

do or do not eat in those closing days can determine if you're going to feel light and energetic or bloated, heavy and sluggish.

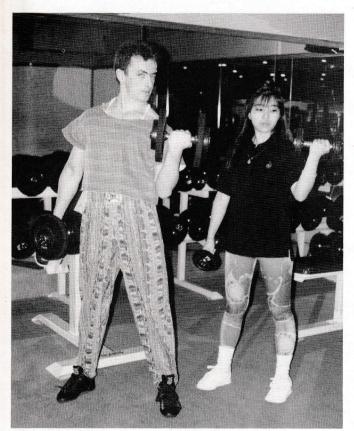
How about your material? Is your form right for the event? How about your choice of uniform? It makes a difference! Whether or not you realize it, the minute you walk into the competition site you are being judged. How and when you warm up will determine if you're going to be ready right on time or if you'll be tired and sore awaiting your event. Knowledge of the rules or lack of them can be to your distinct advantage or disadvantage.

With so much to consider, you can see that training and practice is only part of the worries. So, if you don't want to be an "also ran", read on.

SUPPORT GROUPS

One way to help you deal with the difficulties of prepping for that big meet is to build a "support group" around yourself. Friends, loved ones, husband, wife, boyfriend, girlfriend and classmates. Find those you can count on to assist with all those little nuisances and worries, such as staying focused, dieting, getting enough rest and recuperation, having your uniforms, sweats, weapons and other





Don't neglect or lock out those closest to you as you spend extra time training and preparing for that big meet. They might not be martial artists, but perhaps you can encourage them to take part in your stretching (1) or weight training (2) sessions. Make them part of your experience and you'll both be happier.

essentials ready for the event as well as giving emotional support and encouragement.

Often those close to you may feel shut out as you spend more time training and thinking about that upcoming meet. By including them, you make them feel a part of your experience. Cue them in and they're likely to be all that more supportive of your goals. A good support group can make a world of difference, taking the weight of the world off your shoulders and providing the neces-

sary moral support. Winning is great, but it's better when you have those around you who care to share it with you.

DIET AND REST

Rest and plenty of recuperation in the days and weeks leading up to the competition is of the utmost importance. You may be training hard and smart, but it's not smart if you're not getting adequate rest and sleep. If you overload the body with intense training and fail to get enough

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Uniforms, part of your presentation. You don't have ride the crest of martial arts fashion, but your uniform should at least be appropriate for the event as well as clean and pressed. Also check for any rules regarding dress codes as some competitions may not allow T-shirts or bare-backed competitors.

rest, the body will eventually break down and you will wind up overtraining. Instead of peaking for the event, your body will be worn and tired. Don't think if you sleep really well the night before the tournament, you'll be fine. You're only kidding yourself.

If you're really serious, weeks before the meet establish a regular sleeping pattern. Rise and go to bed at the same time each day, getting between eight-to-ten hours of sleep each night. Proper sleeping patterns, coupled with a good diet, is the best way to guarantee you will be recuperated after each training session and ready for the proceeding one. Finally, the night before the tournament don't spoil all you've prepared and worked for by howling it up all night arpre-tournament parties. Win and party afterward.

The night before the event you may be subject to nerves and jitters, particularly if it is your first event. Do what ever it takes to help you relax (i.e., warm bath, jacuzzi, hot milk, soft music, reading a book, mediation whatever... just do it and retire early). Next, rise early. Scien-

tific studies have shown that the human body requires at least threeto-four hours before being fully awake and alert.

DIET

Diet, not to lose weight, but to increase performance. If you're really serious about competition, then you want to eat to win. There are good books available on the topic of diet and its relation to sport and human performance. You can find these books in most chain bookstores, libraries and health food stores. The topic of diet for sports performance could easily be an entire article in itself, nevertheless outlined here are some basic pointers for you to follow.

Following a well-balanced, sensible diet including all the basic food groups, is sound advice pre-competition or not. However, in the weeks leading up to the tournament, in particular the last three or four days, what you eat can make all the difference in how you'll feel come competition day.

In the weeks drawing up to the event you should take great care to

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insure that you get adequate amounts of protein and carbohydrates. When engaged in heavy physical training your body requires ample protein to supply it with the raw material needed for rebuilding muscle tissue, while carbohydrates furnish your body with fuel to keep it going.

In the final days leading up to the contest your emphasis in diet should switch from proteins/carbohydrates to primarily carbohydrates. As the tournament draws closer you want to get plenty of carbohydrates to energize the body. Your diet should include lots of high-fiber vegetables and greens, as well as fresh fruits (not canned). Pastas with light sauces also provide plenty of carbohydrates for quickly assimilated energy and digest easily.

At least three days prior to the event cut out all red meats. Red meat takes a long time to digest. You don't want to be jumping around with last night's sirloin steak weighing you down. White chicken meat and fish such as tuna are okay, but you should cut these out as well at least 24 hours previous to competing. Also be sure to drink at least the recommended eight glasses of water per day; with all the extra training you don't want to dehydrate. Again, fruit and lots of it. Fruit provides quick energy without upsetting the blood sugar levels, the way refined sugar can.



If you're going for that extra magazine, remember as a forms competitor you want to leave a lasting impression. Wild weapon shots such as this drunkard's sword movement (1) or this combined flexibility jump kick (2) or this acrobatic movement (3) are more likely to be remembered than a shot of someone in a forward stance doing a straight punch. Just be sure that the photos relate to the story.

Twenty-four hours prior it is advisable to cut out highly acidic fruits (i.e., oranges, grapefruits and other citrus fruits).

Eat a light breakfast the morning of the tournament. Non-sugar cereals, fruits, brown or high-fiber breads are fine. Avoid jams, high-sugar cereals and soda pops. All have a high content of refined sugar. Also stay away from red meat—no bacon or ham steaks.

Snacking during the day of the event is fine and advisable, so long as

it is in moderation. However, snacks should consist of high carbohydrate type foods, such as nuts (not salted) and fresh fruits. Avoid the typical tournament trappings of candy bars, hot dogs and coke. Soda pop will give you a quick energy surge, but will drop you like a rock later. Instead, drink sparing amounts of water or non-acidic fruit juices.

KNOWING THE RULES

The extent of your knowledge of the rules can be a distinct advantage.

Take the time to find out, so you won't be sorry later. Are there specific rules governing things such as form content, timelimits, dress code, addressing judges, for example.

The rules of "open" martial arts tournaments do differ from the "all-Chinese" martial arts events and "traditional" karate competitions. Any martial artist going from one tournament format to another would be wise to look into the rules of said event. For example, the Chinese forms event in an open tournament does not have specific rules concerning dress, time limits, and form content. However, in an all-Chinese tournament, the various styles are classified into different categories, each with distinct set of rules and regulations.

See if you have to introduce yourself. This is the standard practice at the open and traditional karate tournaments, but for the most part is waived at the Chinese-style contests. How about time limits? Standardized wushu events include a 1:20 time minimum for most of their various categories. Tai chi events have varied time limits depending on the competition. Time limits can range from two-to-three minutes and five-to-six minutes.

Often a Chinese stylist coming from the open circuit where there are no imposed time limits has to

Bruce Fontaine has been a practitioner of the Chinese martial arts (contemporary and traditional) for 20 years. He has studied with a number of top instructors, including famous Canadian wushu coach master Liang Shouyu and Canada's highest-ranking choi lee fut instructor, master Wong Ha. In 1986, as a member of the Canadian National Wushu Team, he took two bronze medals at the Tianjin 2nd International Wushu Competition. He currently resides in Hong Kong where he has worked as a stuntman/actor, most notably for Jackie Chan in the Asian hit Operation Condor. He continues his wushu/kung-fu practice and furthers his studies in Beijing Opera-style tumbling and acrobatics with master Kong Kwok Keung.

redesign or add to his form to meet the time limits of a Chinese-style tournament. Space limitations are also a point of difference between open and Chinese tournaments. A wushu tournament has a standardized floor area size, where as at open tournaments one might be expected to conform to a standard karate ring or a boxing ring for forms finalists.

Finally, is your routine right for the event? In a Chinese tournament, styles are subdivided into various categories. For wushu events there is: long fist, southern style, taiji quan (tai chi), broadsword, straight sword, cudgel and spear. Internal styles will have divisions for the various family styles of taiji quan (i.e., Chen, Yang, and Wu). The remainder of the taiji quan styles are placed into a division simply called other styles. Xingyi quan and paqua zhang also have separate categories as does internal weapons. Traditional Chinese styles are usually divided into: northern styles, southern styles, short-hand styles and various weapons events. Open tournaments at the black belt level can also have many categories, including: karate, kenpo, tae kwon do, Chinese, creative or open and hard and soft weapons.

Be sure you've chosen the right material for the event. It won't say much for your credibility as a martial artist if you have entered your form in an inappropriate division, such as doing a southern-style kung-fu form in a karate forms division. Also be sure to choose a suitable uniform. Some competitions do not allow the competitors to wear T-shirts or go bare-backed. Check ahead so you can be sure to have the correct uniform.

PREPUBLICITY

If this is your first contest ever or first out of town or national level event, chances are to the judges, other competitors and audience you are coming in as unknown. Unfortunately, judges tend to mark a known or established face a little more favorably, whereas with the unknown they tend to be more conservative with their scoring.

Without ever having competed, a little of the right publicity can help you. Prepublicity, getting your face known. It can help get the attention of the judges, competitors and audience alike. They will be watching for you.

Martial arts magazines are an excellent medium for publicity and getting your face out there prior to launching your competition assault. Know it or not, most of the magazine articles are freelance submissions. The only catch is as an unknown the magazines and the readers alike may not be interested in you. However, pick some good topics which happen to tie you in or your photographs and you may find yourself getting heaps of exposure.

This approach is often used by professional bodybuilders. In fact, many bodybuilders take a very active role in personal publicity campaigns.

THE DAY OF THE EVENT

Let's assume you've built yourself a good support group. They've helped with all those little problems. They've given you the support and encouragement you needed. You've dieted, rested well, had a good sound night's sleep the evening before the tournament and even eaten a proper pre-competition breakfast. You know the rules. You have picked your forms well, trained them hard and they are ready. You even managed to get a little prepublicityeyes are on you. The day has arrived, you're here. You've proven you're really serious. You've trained hard, you're well-prepared and have left nothing to chance. Now all you have to do is wait and compete, right? Well ves, but...there is more.

After all that work you don't want to lose points before you even compete. Forms judging is subjective. Present a poor image to the judges before competing and it could well effect the way they score you. Do not strut about, do not be loud and boastful, just don't present a poor image to the judges. Try to present a humble, yet confident image. Remain polite and friendly, yet serious about being there.

Attitude, the image you convey of yourself to the judges, other competitors and audience, can have a marked effect on the outcome of this and future events.

Also know the time and location of your event. Be punctual; being late also leaves a poor impression and can get you disqualified.

When warming up, the first thing to remember is don't burn yourself out. Knowing the time of your event and how much time you need to

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HSING-I

Element vs. 6 Harmony

DIFFERENT STYLES, SAME BEGINNINGS

While both styles share similar internal principles, the external postures are radically different in structure. Yet both five element and six harmony can trace their beginnings to the same family tree. BY ROBERT DREEBEN

sing-I chuan is one of the three major internal systems. Compared to tai chi and paqua, hsing-I's structure and form is simple and straight forward. Yet, the underlying principles and theories of the movements are complex and profound. Hsing-I is not difficult to learn. However, integrating the principles and theories takes time, patience and countless hours of practice and study.

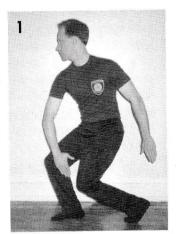
Once the mind (theories and principles) becomes integrated with the body, the result is one of the most powerful systems of kung-fu that, on top of its form and function, contains a panacea of health-giving

Hsing-I, not unlike tai chi, has more than one style. The two main styles are five element-12 animal hsing-I, and six harmony, ten animal hsing-I. Even within these two, there are variations and substyles among the different schools and teachers.

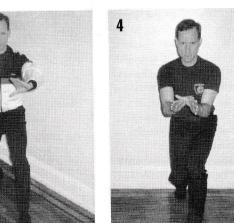
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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Originally Yueh Fei, a famous general of the Sung dynasty who was the founder of eagle claw, was also said to be the creator of hsing-I. While he was a hsing-I master and







1: Six harmony chicken leg stance. 2: Five element santi stance. 3: Five element tiger. 4: Six harmony tiger. Note the different hand and body posture.

did teach the style to his army troops, historical documents show that Chi Lung Feng was the true founder of hsing-I.

Two of Chi's students, Ts'ao Chi Wu and Ma Hsueh Li, began

the family tree, and the division of the two hsing-I schools. The famous master, Sun Lu Tang's hsing-I, descended from the Ts'ao Chi Wu school, which could be thought of as the five element hsing-I. Ma Hsueh

Li's hsing-I (from Honan) can be thought of as the beginning of six harmony hsing-I.

Very often in many of today's writings and articles, six harmony hsing-I is referred to as a "Muslim style of kung-fu". Following the Ma Hsueh Li family tree, one of the defending masters, Mai Chuang T'u, taught An Ta-Ching. An was a Muslim and he in turn taught his sifu Mai about the Muslim faith. Consequently, An only taught other Muslims and, at that point the line of students was substantially thinned and the kung-fu the sole domain of the Muslims.

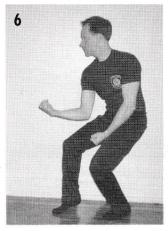
As time progressed, and this style of hsing-I was taught openly (thus being a Muslim was not a prerequisite to learning the system), students started refering to six harmony as a "Muslim style". So, from an overall prospective, the religious beliefs of certain practitioners mid-stream in the family tree should have no real bearing on the system.

Five element hsing-I, on the other hand, was and is more widely practiced since it bore no such religious restriction of its practitioners. Five element is quite different from six harmony; so different, in fact, that it's almost hard to believe that both came from the original system of Chi Lung Feng.

There has been much conflict, conjecture and speculation as to why these systems are different and which is the original. One version states

"Neither five element nor six harmony practitioners should feel cheated; both systems have emerged into supreme combat arts."

















5—7: The six harmony horse. Striking emphasis is on a simultaneous torso and head punch. 8—9: Five element horse. The emphasis is on outward-expanding energy. 10—12: Five element

that a general or emperor wanted a famous hsing-I master to teach his troops. The master refused and in turn was threatened with death. Weighing the options, the master taught part of the system, saving the highest level for he and his students. Another version involves Li Cheng, who taught hsing-I to Chang Chu. Li told Chang that he would teach him only the best part of the art and that he should only pass it on to his family, most notably his nephew, Mai Chungtu. These two stories, if they are true, could have some bearing on the differences of the style.

Before we examine the structural differences, it should be noted that both styles are equally effective and generate incredible power in movement. Therefore, neither five element nor six harmony practitioners

Robert Dreeben is a New York-based martial artist and freelance writer. He last wrote "Yang Tai Chi's Combat Set" (IKF, June, 1994). should feel cheated; both systems, through their stages of evolution, have emerged into supreme combat arts.

EXTERNAL POSTURES

The most common constituents shared by five element and six harmony are the internal principles. They are, however, too numerous and deep to write about here. Therefore, we will focus on the external postures.

Five element-12 animal hsing-I contains just that: five separate element fists—metal, water, wood, fire and earth—along with 12 separate, short animal forms that integrate some of the elements into the animal movements. There are also assorted element and animal-linking forms as well. Six harmony, by contrast, has no five element fists. That distinction lies with the ten animal postures, each with variation and assorted linking forms. The elements are also integrated into the ten ani-

mals, but they are not viewed as say, an "animal element".

The phoenix eye fist or index knuckle fist used prominently in five element hsing-I is non-existent in six harmony. Two of the more popular fists in six harmony are (using generic terms) the uppercut and the slanting downward hammerfist, both utilizing the standard closed hand. Both styles share extensive use of chin na and trains its practitioners to strike vital meridians with techniques.

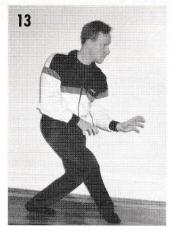
FOOTWORK

Five element uses the santi stance, a type of front-side stance with 60 percent of weight on the rear leg. In six harmony there is no santi. The chicken leg stance and walk, with the front leg weighted, is the principle footwork method and is practiced for hours.

Both styles proceed in straight line and zig-zag stepping patterns when advancing. However, five element stamps the rear leg when emitting jing, while six harmony stamps the forward leg. Each system performs with the front and back foot on one horizontal line, compared to three in tai chi.

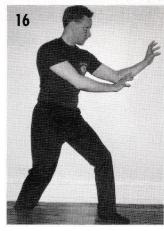
One difference is that five element would rather keep the torso straight in relation to the ground during techniques. Six harmony sometimes uses a committed oblique forward incline utilizing the weighted front leg. For advancing steps, five element uses the bamboo half-step. Six harmony uses the chicken walk. It is written about master Mai Changtu that he lived in Chang Chu's house and even where he walked he used the chicken-style walk.

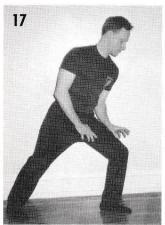
To the uninitiated, one could say it resembles a "Groucho Marx walk". The rate of advance of six harmony is practiced at a substantially faster rate of speed than five element. In fact, you are literally running and stamping as fast as you can. The chicken walk makes this possible.



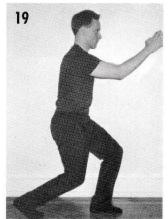




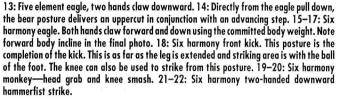












In six harmony there is no retreating and therefore no rear steps. While five element also does not retreat, it does have a back step combined with the earth element "heng chuan" strike found in the linking set. In addition, there is also some evasive rear hopping monkey footwork.

HEALTH BENEFITS

lock and protect the body.

Hsing-I contains a panacea of superior health benefits. The stamping of the foot on the ground found throughout the system strengthens the bones and increases bone density through the vibration. The cycled emitting of jing (energy) makes the body stronger and develops the sinews and connecting tissues.

Long-term practice maintains health in the internal organs and increases blood and chi circulation. Some masters claim rejuvenation of the body through an inhibited aging process. Many famous hsing-I masters have lived well past their expected lifespan.

ing and vocal method of raising chi and using it to toughen the body, which offers added strength and endurance while eliminating fatigue. It uses one word deeply shouted with certain internal emphasis. When a technique is executed, the sound of thunder is employed during the specific phase of movement. The sound alone can be enough to startle and unbalance an opponent and even weaken his spirit.

The sound of thunder is truly one of the great secrets of six harmony hsing-I; without it, a student's kung-fu will never be fully and completely realized.

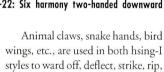


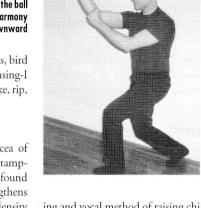
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When practicing hsing-I, students should not necessarily think they are practicing specific technique application. The language of hsing-I is such that its movements are expressing energy with body dynamics. The energy may be expressed outward-expansive, inward-contracting, upward, downward, channeled with whipping or explosive force, etc. The combat application needed at the moment will dictate how the body expression is formed into a powerful, effective technique.

KICKS AND STRIKES

Like paqua and wing chun, five element uses the stomp kicks as its principle kick, as well as a swinging front kick and an outward turning leg hook. Six harmony utilizes a unique close-range front kick with the rear leg that has the pad and ball of the foot as the striking area. Application of the kick is usually coordinated with respective hand movements. Both styles use elbow and knee strikes, but six harmony also frequently employs shoulder, hip and sideward headbutt strikes (the headbutt is initiated from the forward incline mentioned earlier).





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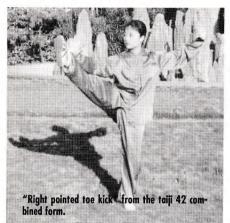


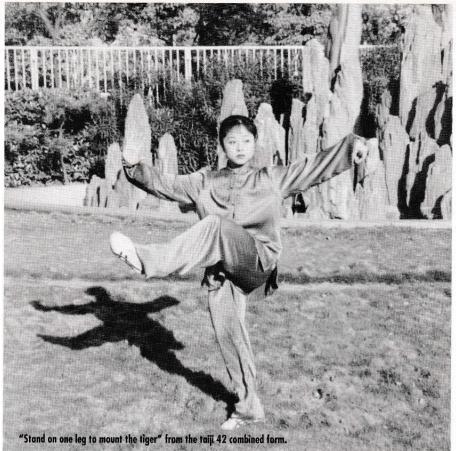
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GAO JIA MIN

By Wen-Mei Yu and Gerald A. Sharp

CHINA'S TOP TAIJIQUAN WOMEN'S COMPETITOR DISCUSSES HER SECRETS OF SUCCESS

orn in Fuzhou City, Fujian Province, China, in the Year of the Horse, June 26, 1966, Gao Jia Min, China's top taijiquan women's competitor, said she reluctantly began her studies at age eight.

"I suffered from an extreme case of hyperactivity, and found it hard to sit in school and focus on my studies," she explains. "What I was good at was imitating people, and people would laugh at me when I would imitate certain types of people. However, when I imitated people doing wushu, people were amazed at my ability to do so with such perfection.

"I also suffered from having poor teeth in my youth, so the inability to chew my food properly affected my stomach and digestive process so bad that it caused other problems to occur," she adds.

"My first teacher, Sun Chong Xiong, came to my grade school to teach wushu. With Sun I studied shaolin long fist. This was my first taste of wushu, and it was the demand for perfection physically and the demand for serious concentration that spurned me on in the study of wushu. Otherwise, I may have lost interest in whatever it was because of my hyper condition."



Gao Jia Min in a favorite standing meditation posture.

SERIOUS TRAINING BEGINS

Gao Jia Min insists she never thought of being a champion at the time, and instead received some physical relief to her stomach problems and hyperactivity.

At age 14, Gao began serious training with a team with her second and current teacher, Zeng Nai Liang. According to Gao, Zeng was a post-graduate research assistant with the Beijing Institute of Physical Education. Zeng's goal was to return to Fuzhou City and coach a local team to national prominence.

Under the guidance of her determined mentor, Gao began rigorous training. However, the team's space was small at the time, and there was no carpet.

According to Gao, "Some injuries did occur, but we were all determined to succeed. One coach wanted me to focus on traditional southern style more, but I followed the advice of Zeng."

"He thought taiji would be the best for me," she adds. "It was funny, because all those who knew me knew of my problems of hyperactivity. Still, I knew that teacher Zeng knew what he was talking about. Besides taiji is suitable for all spaces,



"Push down or snake creeks down."



and I thought as a woman it was something that I could excel in my whole life.

"However, it was hard for me in the beginning, because I was still very hyper. People would look at me funny, and say, 'You can't practice very good. You won't improve either, because you cannot relax.' Yet I was determined to succeed. First, I refused to believe all the people that said I couldn't. To begin believing that you can't do anything, is to accept failure."

She studied Chinese calligraphy, thinking it would help her relax.

"It did calm me, but it was quite a challenge for me to do calligraphy over a long period of time," she insists. "Personally, I have since discovered that the principles behind good calligraphy and good taijiquan are very similar. One in the same."

For beginners, Gao believes that besides relaxation the most important aspect is the student's basic stances and physical structure. You just don't start doing it. Proper coaching and monitored training is extremely important.

"Proper conditioning is essential to beginners, no matter what their aspirations," she maintains. "I stood in the ma bu (horse stance) for many hours in the beginning, and still do to this day. Leg strength is crucial in building a strong foundation, and protecting yourself against injuries.

The next primary step for the beginner is to practice zhangzhuan (standing meditation)," she notes. "It is important for the beginner to sense

their qi. In zhangzhuan, I've always felt and sensed qi, and because I practice standing it has sped up my ability to sense and utilize my qi in taiji practice.

FORMS—EXPECTATIONS AND DEDICATION

Gao's main practice is taijiquan and taiji sword. However, to win the grand championship in a national tournament, competitors must compete in six events. This includes competition in external as well as internal forms. The competitor who scores the highest combined score in six events is recognized as the grand champion.

China has developed specific routines for competition. In taiji, there is the taiji 42 hand form, and the traditional routines including: Chen 56, Yang 40, Wu (Jianquan) 45, and Sun 73. Currently, the taiji 42 sword form is the only one that can be performed in competition. However, at most tournaments in China, there are exhibition events (often medals are awarded) where traditional forms and weapons are performed.

According to Gao, "I began my studies in Yang style taiji, and then since 1989 I have focused largely on the taiji 42 combined form for competition."

When asked if the standardization of forms becomes boring or predictable, Gao replies, "Taijiquan study is deep knowledge. It is not easy to grasp.

"From the first step that you take," she adds, "there is a lot to learn. For me I have a great respect for taijiquan, because it takes so much time to learn the smallest of details. Therefore, I never become bored. If taiji practice becomes predictable for the student, then that student has lost sight or never understood to begin the principles of taijiquan.

"For me, the 42 form is filled with many details," she suggests. "The fact that it is based on four major styles of taiji (Chen, Yang, Wu, and Sun) presents a great challenge to the student. Some study of these four traditional styles will give the student deeper knowledge about taiji and about the 42 form. Because it is performed in five-to-six minutes doesn't mean that it doesn't require as much attention to the details and principles as traditional long forms require.

"The fact that the competition forms are done in five-to-six minutes lessens the time that may normally be taken up in a longer set. Because there are set routines makes judging more fair, this requires competitors to be judged on predetermined standards."

Gao has done a lot of research on the subject of traditional taiji and its origins and development. She believes it is in the best interest that taiji research and development continue.

According to Gao, "The creators and grand-masters of the traditional systems were gifted, and suffered many personal hardships to create, develop, or maintain tradition.

"Traditions and development must both be encouraged to continue," Gao adds. "I wouldn't be doing what I'm doing today if it weren't for all those who went before me in the history of taiji."

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By Dr. R. L. Horine, Director, TRS - Civilian Fighting Division

Dear Friend,

I want to send you a free gun. (It is identical in CAD-imaged specs to the standard military-issue "Red style" training gun.)

There are 2 things I want you to do when you receive it:

- 1. I want you to set the gun aside, and watch the four videos I will also send.
- 2. Then, I want you to give the gun to the toughest, biggest and most coordinated friend you have... and ask him to:

Point The Gun At You And Squeeze The Trigger!

It is important that you choose someone who is larger than you. Preferably, he should also have some skill at fighting. A black belt karate master would be perfect.

Why am I asking you to do this? Because, I want to prove to you that what you see on these video tapes will allow you to instantly take that gun away (barehanded) and put him down on the ground before he can move a muscle to squeeze the trigger! And once down, you will be able to keep him on the floor (and even slap him silly, if you please). You'll be in complete control.

As you will see in these tapes, you do not need strength, or special agility, or even previous skill in fighting. You will see how even a small man (5' 5", 140 pounds soaking wet) can easily disarm and take down a bodybuilder (6' 2", 240 pounds) trained in judo!

It's an astonishing fact to learn, but it is true nevertheless. What you are about to learn are the identical "Disarm and Disable" tactics used by elite U.S. military personnel, big city SWAT teams, and high-profile security enforcement...

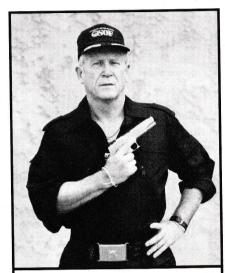
Which Have Been Kept Secret From Civilians (Like You) For Almost 20 Years!

Now, let me tell you about this gun. It is a detailed and exact replica of the "Red style" guns used by the military for training. It was designed by an American craftsman (who is now working with the military) and is hand casted, so that *all the tolerances are identical*. It has the feel, heft and balance of an authentic high-powered automatic pistol, yet is crafted from special solid polymers so it can be used for real-life training.

This gun would fool an expert who picked it up blindfolded — only the solid bore and the color (white) give it away as a training weapon. (The color is used for two reasons: To avoid misunderstandings with people who do not realize it is a training gun, and to keep you from accidentally picking up a real gun to practice with.)

There is one important alteration to this training gun. The **trigger guard** has been strategically changed so it will not snap the finger off your training partner, as a normal trigger guard would. (Your big, tough friend wouldn't like that... though he couldn't do much about it until you shared your tapes with him.) This alteration allows you to train without "pulling punches", and speeds up your learning curve dramatically.

Now, don't get the idea the "moves" you are about to learn are difficult, just because they have been held in secret by some of the most feared fighters in the world. The moves are simple and natural... yet utterly devastating when used against an armed



"I seldom give endorsements, but this is something special. The release of these tapes are unparalleled — you can learn a lot... it may save your life."

Colonel Robert K. Brown, USAR (Ret.)
Founder and publisher of
Soldier of Fortune Magazine.

attacker. You will be able to quickly take away your assailant's gun, and you will also learn:

- * How to "jockey" for your best firststrike position during an attack!
- * How to instantly "classify" any gun (single action vs. double action)... and how to tell if a gun is in "Condition One" military jargon for "ready to fire"! (This "inside" weapon knowledge could give you a



precious extra second in any confrontation... enough to choose your best next move!)

- The most important (and toughest) decision you must make in any armed confrontation... and how to make it intelligently and morally (so you never have to second-guess yourself later!)
- Why the incorrect disarming techniques will actually force your attacker to fire... whether he's decided to or not!
- Why a man with a gun standing just 2 feet away from you is at a disadvantage... and how to use simple "leverage" to make him regret it forever!
- Why the correct way to "clear" a weapon increases your chances of not getting shot (first rule of bare-handed gun fighting) by 60%!
- Why the fancy-schmancy spinning head-kick techniques most martial artists learn are hopelessly inadequate in surviving a real street-fight! (And the "false confidence" you get will cause you desperate trouble!)

What's more, you'll also learn how to disarm an attacker who has a knife... along with:

- How to tell when your attacker is just "bluffing" with a knife... and when he's about to commit to stabbing you! (Crucial knowledge for making your best fight-ending move!)
- The single most important decision you must come to terms with in a knife fight!
- How to protect your most vulnerable "targets" during a knife fight... and how to use these rapid-blood loss areas against your assailant to end the fight instantly!

Plus, you'll learn the tactics of taking away a club or baseball bat from an attacker... and also:

How to tell where the "sweet spot" of a club or baton is... where all the damaging power is located! (And how to avoid it!)

Where the "safety" area of the club is: the 20% of any swing where the power of the club is wasted (and where your opportunity to end the fight lies)!

And, once you've disarmed your attacker and are facing him bare-handed... well, that's just child's play now. These tapes will show you:

- How to use the secret of your body's natural "fulcrums" to bring anyone to their knees... using only 12 pounds of pressure and a tiny "torque" of your wrist! (Once you understand the secret, even a fighter twice your size can be dropped in a blink... with no more exertion on your part than you'd use to open a tin can!)
- The one "dojo" karate trick to never use in the real world! (It's a silly, dumb thing to do... and yet it's one of the first things you learn as a rookie martial artist!)

- How to master the strongest grip you're capable of - no matter how 'weak" you think you are!
- How to use simple "cat-like" tricks to force your body to fall correctly... so even if you get pushed down onto a concrete sidewalk, you'll bounce right back up without a bruise! (Plus - how to use your body's natural "cushions" to absorb almost any shock... and avoid the common bone-breaks most people suffer when knocked down!)
- The devastating secrets of joint manipulation (the lazy man's method of effective fighting)!
- The 4 crucial moves you must make when being "held up" from behind! (Or being forced to kneel from behind... one of the more common assault techniques used by desperate criminals and hostage takers!)



8 March 1994

This is an unsolicited endorsement:

Violence is on the upswing in America. Therefore it is important that both men and women possess the ability to defend themselves. The expert self defense instruction provided by Bob Taylor and Randy Warner, permits anyone to build a simple self defense strategy. The techniques presented in the tapes apply to the military, law enforcement, and all walks of the civilian community. The secret is practice and safety as stressed in the tapes.

Gobert C. Kim.

General, USA Retired



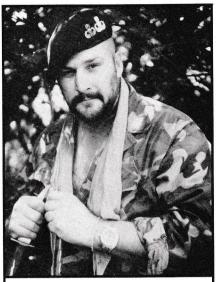
PLUS — and this is my *favorite* part of the package — you get an entire video of street-fighting "Dirty Tricks"... the same sneaky moves used by professional soldiers and cops who can't afford to waste time fighting by the *old* "rules of the street". You'll learn:

- * The 2 psychological responses *all* top warriors "surrender" to the instant a fight is at hand... that *increases their chance of survival and victory by 400%!*
- * How to quickly "cancel out" any size or weight advantages your opponent has!
- * How to judge for yourself the "Escalation of Force" rule for any encounter! (So you are instantly in control of the fight, even if you've been totally surprised!)
- * The secrets of "Single Finger" takedowns... using moves that are indefensible even by a larger and more experienced opponent!
- * How to use "pain enhancement" tech to convince your assailant to stay down until the cops arrive!
- * How just 6 pounds of pressure on a nerve can set you free from almost *any* hold!
- * How to break away from strong-arm choke holds!
- * The natural "guides" on your attacker's body that automatically guarantee a correct strike!
- * How to avoid the devastating mistakes even black belts make when attempting head butts! (And how to use the professional tricks of performing head butts perfectly one of the surest ways of bringing an opponent "down" without further action!)
- * The amazing "filthy cat fight" trick that even urban street fighters never learn... which will allow you to control anyone who isn't bald!
- * The 12 take-down tricks that are never taught in karate "schools"!

- * How to avoid the horrible mistake most fighters make with groin kicks!
- * "Short Cut" kicks you can learn and use immediately... no matter how uncoordinated or clumsy you are!
- How to negate (with simple paincontrol moves) the common "harassment" attacks — bear hugs, full nelsons, and head locks — that are used against women!
- * Simple controlling moves that force your attacker to decide if he wants to come away with a broken arm or give up! (And how to keep him down without serious damage until the cops arrive!)
- * How rookie fighters "telegraph" their moves... and not to do it yourself (and use your knowledge to gain advantages over your dumber attackers)!
- * How to reverse the worst fighting position you could ever find yourself in!
- Your 5 best "first strikes" to end any fight instantly — a split second before it begins!
- * The sneaky ways professional fighters use the element of surprise to turn around dangerous situations... even when they're the ones who've been "jumped" by an assailant unexpectedly!
- * The simplest way to gain a "technical" advantage when you appear to be overmatched!

And more. A *lot* more, in fact. For example, you'll get simple exercises to specifically strengthen what's weak in your "falling muscles". (The identical conditioning exercises used by professionals!) You'll learn how to train into *mastery* without breaking your partner's bones. These moves look simple (almost too simple)... but their devastating power becomes evident the first time your partner goes a fraction of an inch too far. (Don't worry, though — there are easy ways to make your practice sessions "fail safe"!)

You'll understand "Shotgun and Uzi"



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John "Dynamite" Donovan, U.S.A.R. Major–Special Forces, Demolition editor for *Soldier of Fortune* magazine, and 30 year practicing martial artist.

disarming techniques (many traveling Americans have found themselves in megaarmed terrorist situations overseas and here in the U.S.!)... How only 4-6 pounds of pressure can snap a shinbone... Why no professional would ever attempt the "spinning round house kicks" that are taught to every new karate student (and which take 2-5 years to learn correctly!)... How to "adjust" his attitude without doing obvious harm... A detailed "map" of anatomical targets (for example: where the thumb ends at the thigh is a crucial nerve point — reaction: numbing shock when kicked)... And, the most decisive move you can make to end any fight instantly!

As you can see, the secrets revealed in these amazing video tapes will give you a powerful new way of moving in the world, because...



You Will Never Again Walk Your Streets In Fear!

Are you having trouble believing all this? That's okay — I'm used to people being suspicious... at first. But the truth is, what you are about to learn is praised by professional soldiers, and law enforcement personnel all over the country.

I have included a sheet of "testimonials" with this letter from U.S. military generals, big-city police veterans and even the publisher of *Soldier of Fortune* magazine (who almost never gives endorsements). They *all* agree that this new system can be learned quickly and easily, and will work on the street under even the worst conditions imaginable.

Here is how we came to discover these "professional warrior" bare-handed fighting secrets: For a long time now, I have been connected to the "inside" of certain elite military and law enforcement circles. (Including the Navy SEALS — the most dangerous soldiers on the planet.) My goal is to help civilians like you to understand the super-effective fighting skills that have been developed. I want my family to feel as safe and protected as possible, and I'm sure you want the same for your loved ones.

Anyway, through certain inside "contacts" (which I am not going to tell you about) I was approached by two of the most respected professional combat trainers in the world: Randy Wanner is a feared martial arts expert who for years has been training federal and state law enforcement agencies in "street survival fighting tactics". (He was also the former Martial Arts editor for Soldier of Fortune magazine.) His name is well-known among the elite "warriors" of modern-day combat, and he has gone toe-to-toe with street fighters from all over the world to prove his techniques are superior to anything else out there.

Bob Taylor (who spent 2 tours in Viet Nam with the 101st Airborne, MACV-SERT, and the famous 75th Rangers) is considered one of the country's most experienced experts in counter insurgency operations; state, local and federal law enforcement agencies use him frequently for training. He is also a specialist in counterterrorism for African, South American and Central American governments.

These two guys are in demand all over

the world. Their clients include the U.S. military, big-city SWAT teams, international anti-terrorist squads and top security firms in 15 foreign countries. These clients hire Bob and Randy for just one thing:

Their Incredible Skill In *Quickly*Teaching Their Unique "Bare-Handed" Disarming and Disabling Techniques For Armed Attackers!

This new fighting system took over 20 years to develop. It was necessary because the techniques the police and the military used to use — based on centuries-old karate moves — simply were not effective in real combat conditions. Soldiers and officers who were supposed to be disarming their attackers were, instead, getting shot and disabled themselves!





"In my 50 years of military combat experience no one has done the hands-on research of being unarmed against a live weapon... until now! Study and master this tape. It will either save your life or save you years of imprisonment — as POW."

Maj. General John K. Singlaub, USA (Ret.) General Singlaub's career was chronicled in his autobiography, *Hazardous Duty*, published by Summit Books.

Randy and Bob decided to find out what was wrong. There was only one sane way to do this. They used their connections within the military establishment to get "training" bullets for their weapons. These bullets (called "Red Jets") are almost impossible for civilians to get. They are made of wax and polymer, yet are calibrated to fire from real weapons and can blow a hole in quarter-inch plywood from 15 feet. These training bullets were necessary for Bob and Randy's research, because...

They *Used* This Live Ammunition On Each Other To Develop Their New Disarming System!

Let me tell you — it takes some kind of guts to face a gun loaded with live ammo. Those wax bullets travel at over 400 feet per second... and even if they don't tear up your body like real bullets, these guys have the scars to prove getting hit with them isn't pretty. (I personally saw Bob shred Randy's left earlobe during a demonstration of the "wrong" way to clear a gun! There was blood everywhere during the rest of the demo.) No one else in the world has ever done this kind of live-weapon research!

The first thing they found out, of course, was that 99% of the disarming tactics being used by soldiers and cops (and still being taught by smug karate masters who have never had to face a loaded gun in person) DO NOT WORK!

This has to stop. It's irresponsible. It's stupid — especially when Randy and Bob have, after 20 years of tough research, come up with simple and easy-to-learn ways that do work!

Their discoveries have revolutionized the way modern professional warriors approach armed attackers — already, there are cops who are on record saying these new skills have saved their lives in the street!

Why do you — as a civilian — need these skills? Are you kidding? The whole world has gone psycho. The odds that you will be faced by an armed attacker — without a weapon of your own to rely on — are getting worse every day. This kind of advanced knowledge (even if it is easy to learn) isn't a luxury for American men anymore. The facts are staggering:

M.I.T. (the famous university) did a study uncovering the fact that 5 of every 6 twelve-year-old kids are going to be the victim of a violent crime in their lives! That's almost everybody, sooner or later! (Most kids — and most adults, too — simply do not have a clue how to defend themselves in a tight spot. When you show a lack of confidence in yourself, you become the most attractive target for criminals there is!)



- Jean O'Neil (of the National Crime Prevention Council) says that victims who are forced into an attacker's car rarely walk away alive! (Yet most people cannot mount even a feeble defense against someone forcing them through the door!)
- And every kind of horrible crime is becoming more and more common you are no longer safe in your home, in your car, in a restaurant, or on the street surrounded by other people! (Jerks with nothing to lose are now senselessly shooting their robbery victims even after they've gotten everything of value.)

attacker intent on harm. You saw what police "stun guns" did to Rodney King on that famous video: Nothing. Most rape-prevention seminars ignore the most common aspect of rape: The woman is thrown to the ground *first*, and then attacked. She will seldom get an opportunity to try the fancy knee-to-the-groin trick the seminars teach — a move which, by the way, is usually taught *completely wrong!* (You may think a "ball kick" is easy, but it's actually a *low-percentage* kick, and hard to pull off. There are several better and more *devastating* things to do, as Bob and Randy will soon show you.)

Even the fancy alarms and sirens people are "arming" themselves with are worthless

"For a long time now, I have been connected to the "inside" of certain elite military and law enforcement circles. (Including the Navy SEALS — the most dangerous soldiers on the planet.) My goal is to help civilians like you to understand the supereffective fighting skills that have been developed. I want my family to feel as safe and protected as possible, and I'm sure you want the same for your loved ones."

What's more, new studies show that women who *fight back* are less likely to be raped. And that learning some form of self-defense is your *best bet* against a criminal population who is prepared to use force and violence on a whim.

But there's a BIG problem here. The way most Americans are going about getting prepared to defend themselves is simply...

Not Going To Work!

Here are the facts, my friend: Most martial art studios are run by people who have never been in a real fight before in their lives... and you will probably be trained (in a huge class) by people who have been prematurely promoted to "black belt" just to handle the classes! These "store front" studios operate exactly like health spas—they lure in large numbers of people, and get the money up front. It's a business.

And the garbage being sold to women offers only the pale illusion of self-defense: Tear gas will not work on a drug-crazed in most cases of attack. (They don't protect cars, they don't protect houses, and they won't "protect" you either.)

In reality, you have only two choices: Remain a vulnerable "potential victim" who trusts that God will protect you... or learn the RIGHT way to defend yourself.

It's not hard to do. In fact, it's relatively *simple*...

Once You Understand The "Inside" Secrets!

One of Bob's favorite hobbies is to attend the big conventions of gun enthusiasts. He will challenge 20 of them to line up with their favorite weapon (unloaded, of course) and, one by one, demonstrate how he could take the gun away from them before they could pull the trigger. And then he would do it, bop, bop, bop, all the way down the line, never using the same move twice, never breaking a sweat, and never using any but the most *simple* skills.

Sounds like something you might want to learn for yourself, doesn't it?

Well, there's a "hitch". You see, the only way to even get any personal training from Bob or Randy was to get into their heavilymonitored seminars. But to get in, you need 2 forms of official credentials and licenses (plus about \$850 for the full board of instruction). Only professionals — elite soldiers, police SWAT teams, high-profile security agents — have been allowed to learn this life-saving stuff...

Until Now!

Why now? Because, after about a year of intense negotiation, we convinced Bob and Randy to go into a video studio and — taking as long as they needed — produce the **first video package ever** of their most trustworthy techniques for facing an armed attacker bare-handed.

And they did just that. After weeks of filming and editing, they created the only package in existence for people (like you) outside the world of professional warriors. Yet they pulled no punches in presenting their new fighting system! What you get here is all their best techniques, best advice, and best training methods!

Here's what you get in this amazing, just-released video package:

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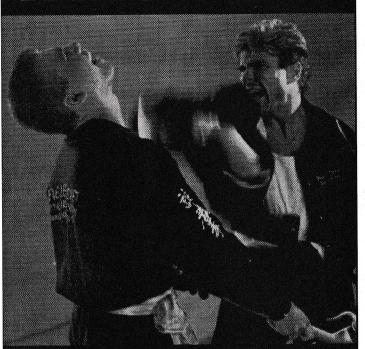
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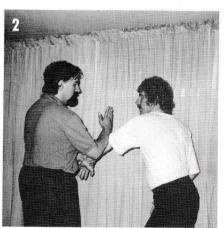
You have to be sure your tactic has failed before you try something else and then you have to be willing to persevere with the new tactic until you're sure it has failed. BY MICHAEL BABIN



hen approached as a means of learning self-defense skills, tai chi chuan is built around the concepts of adhering to, yielding to or neutralizing, and redirecting an attack.

The core methods used to learn these skills—fixed and moving push hands as well as da-lu—emphasize creating an internal spontaneity in the student who learns to depend on intuitive movement and a psychological willingness to change tactics rather than needlessly resist force. Reacting in this way is essential to being martial in a tai chilike manner.

However, this very strength—the ability to change as the circumstances demand—can also easily become a liability if it is not balanced with the physical and mental skills needed to be committed.





Classical double push hands is a choreographed method of learning basic tai chi actions/skills in a relatively safe manner. Ward off (author in dark shirt) or peng (1) is a "bumping" erosion of the attacker's oncoming force. It deflects the force to one side and sets up roll back or lu (2), which stresses the joints of the affected arm as well as the neck when done with a downward "snapping" action. Press forward (called push in most styles) or an (3) affects the balance of the opponent in an upward fashion.

STAY THE COURSE

Simply put, you have to be sure your tactic has failed before you try something else and then you have to be willing to persevere with the new tactic until you're sure *it* has failed.

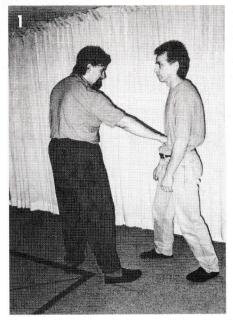
You can see the affect of a lack of commitment when two reasonably well-matched tai chi players do push hands together.

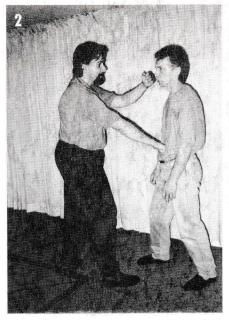
Often, such "play" immediately settles into an exchange of constantly aborted tactics. One will start a push, feel his opponent start to neutralize it and switch to a press before there is a real need to do so. The other will respond in a similar manner so

that neither really attempts to succeed with a particular technique.

This kind of exchange can be useful at developing sensitivity/neutralization skills; however, the skills learned do not necessarily translate into self-defense techniques.

A strong, committed attack of any kind will quite likely easily penetrate the skills of the same tai chi player if he tries to use it against someone who doesn't obey the rules of tai chi. Stiffness combined with lack of commitment is relatively easy to deal with; not so stiffness combined with aggression and experience.





Rooting skills (1) are an important part of the tai chi curriculum and such displays are impressive on a superficial level. However, an overreliance on rooting (2) is counterproductive if the "pusher" decides to punch the moment he feels resistance—even when it is an internal one.

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There are methods that teach a student to apply his "listening" and "neutralizing" skills against sudden attacks. Such training is essential to teach the difference between dealing with force that you are already in contact with, as when doing push hands, and with force that comes out of nowhere. The student playing attacker throws punches at random: those to the head (1) are neutralized as the defender simultaneously counterattacks; those that the attacker "cocks" cause the defender to instantly counterpunch (2); those that attack the torso are "neutralized" (3) by sinking the force into the ground as the defender "returns" the energy by counterstriking.

Also, when two people of different skill levels work together it can be easy for each to get an inadequate sense of how effective they would be if they really were forced to use their skills defensively.

STRONG VS. WEAK

The "stronger" partner is lulled into a sense of security by his ability to neutralize/redirect the "weaker" partner's power. Conversely, the "weaker" partner may actually be doing quite well for his level of skill even though this is not apparent while working with a "stronger" partner. For example, one of my private students, who

has years of experience as a talented instructor of tai chi form, is making considerable progress in terms of understanding the martial exercises. However, she is about 80 pounds lighter than me. Consequently, she has had to develop tactics which compensate for my greater size and strength.

This development is partly because I am not stiff/forceful in my practice with her so she isn't constantly "prompted" to overreact in a similar manner. Consequently, she neutralizes, folds and redirects with an ease and effectiveness that surprises us both at times despite the size and mass difference.

On the rare occasions that she has practiced with other students who overuse force but are also relatively centered and "soft", she has done well in martial terms considering the usual size difference. However, she has also injured her back several times because she overuses certain muscle groups to compensate for their greater size and effective use of force.

VARIETY IS NICE

As she has discovered, it can be a painful process to learn how to train effectively when your experience is limited to one person—no matter how talented that person may be. It follows that working with a variety of people of different sizes

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Especially when one person is much smaller than another, the tactics should use concussive energy when counterattacking. The defender (1) is using such defense from the Yang tai chi small san sau applications form to hurt the attacker's arm and jerk" him in the opposite direction to which her follow-up (2) strike will take.

and skill levels is essential. Doing so greatly increases your potential growth in terms of the martial exercises of push hands and da-lu.

Conversely, such training is difficult to appreciate for those students who are drawn to tai chi by its apparent softness as well as a desire to learn martial skills.

Such students may have little or no experience with the more aggressive martial arts and feel contempt for the hard stylist's supposed reliance on speed and muscular force.

Sadly for the development of such students as martial artists, what works well at an intermediate level of skill with a partner from your own tai chi class is likely to collapse when tested by someone whose martial style emphasizes committed attacks; much less against the wild swings of an attacker fueled by emotion, alcohol/drugs or foul

In terms of self-defense training, very few tai chi instructors attempt to apply the principles of the art to realistic fighting situations by having their students train, at least some of the time, against vigorous attacks.

In a fight, survival (at the risk of shattering illusions) usually rests with those who blend offense and defensive tactics and don't just hope to stumble upon a suitable tactic by being totally on

A master of push hands may well have little trouble with a real attacker; but such paragons are few and far between. The average instructor, much less student of tai chi, is in for a nasty surprise if he thinks the skills gained through competition push hands or training for one or two years with the same partners will somehow translate to fending off an aggressive, experienced fighter.

VALID SELF-DEFENSE SKILLS

In regard to the latter, it is very true that martial training usually makes the practitioner less likely to get into meaningless fights or be aggressive. However, lack of martial training is no handicap to the numerous thugs and brawlers who have learned the hard way how to take and throw a punch.

Those few schools that combine push hands training with applications training against strong attacks are more likely to produce skills considered valid in self-defense terms. A stiff and forceful attack cannot be "wished" away. The defense must be as committed as the attack, even if the means used are comparatively relaxed and subtle.

There is nothing wrong with confining your study of the functional side of tai chi chuan to its martial exercises—push hands and da-lu. However, please don't assume that this has automatically given you self-defense skills.

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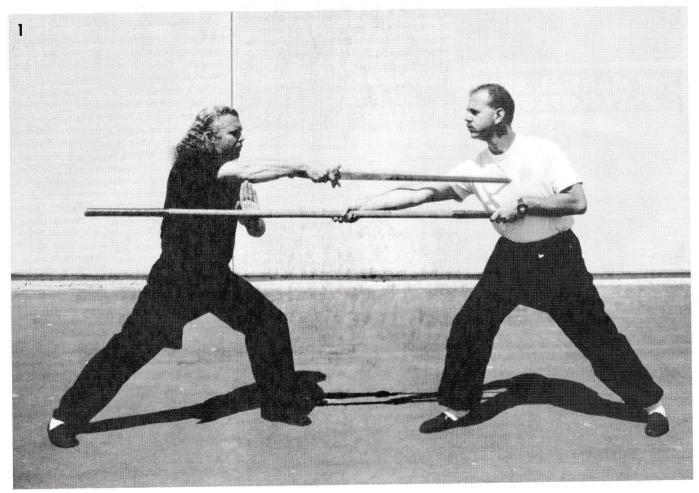
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THE TAI CHI SWORD



If mastering the tai chi sword is one of the great achievements in Chinese martial arts, why aren't more people taking advantage of this ancient treasure?

BY MARK WASSON

xperienced tai chi practitioners know that mastering the tai chi sword is perhaps the highest achievement for any tai chi internal stylist. Why, then, with so many people in this country and all over the world taking tai chi, aren't more people learning and practicing this very advanced aspect of tai chi chuan?

One reason the tai chi sword has not proliferated in this country is that there just aren't enough qualified teachers. To teach the tai chi sword takes more than just knowing the movements of the form, or even being able to perform the form well. To teach the tai chi sword properly demands understanding. That means understanding why the movements are there and how they

apply in a martial sense against other weapons.

COMPLEX SYSTEM

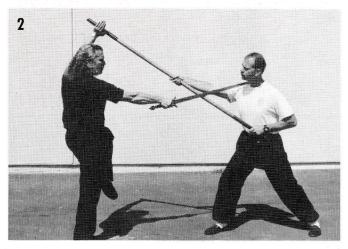
As with the open-hand form, when one understands the why of any given movement, then the mental aspect of tai chi comes into play. And when the mind becomes active in the form, the greater aspects of tai chi come into being. In other words, the form becomes a living expression of the moment, and because it's alive it is always changing and expanding. Every performance brings a new experience.

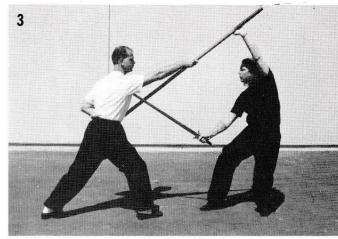
Another reason the sword form has been neglected in this country is because of tai chi's overall complexity and the use of internal power that tai chi chuan requires. In China, the

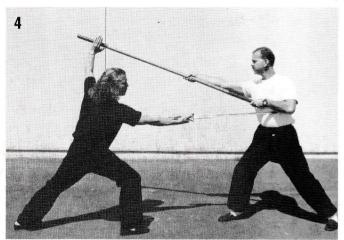
learning process for this advanced weapon usually does not even begin until the fifth, and sometimes as long as the tenth year of practicing the open-hand form. This may seem a long time to wait to learn something by Western standards, but in most cases it is warranted. For the tai chi sword to properly function as a weapon, it requires a connection to one's internal power, unlike other sword styles which are simply external extensions of the body.

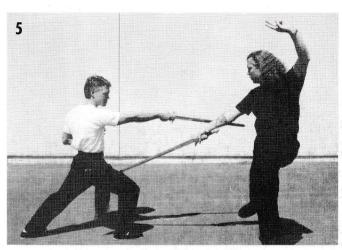
All the principles that govern the open-hand form—sticking, adhering, yielding, redirecting—apply as well to the tai chi sword. To gain this sensitivity one has to transfer much of one's chi to the sword to feel, or sense, through the sword your opponent's force and intent. This

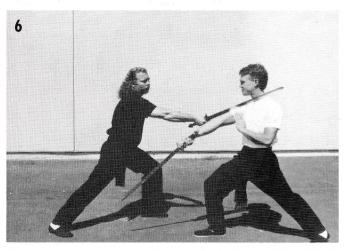
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Note: The position known as sword hand, where the last two fingers and thumb of the left hand curl in to form an "O" and the first two fingers remain straight, is only used while practicing the form to balance one's chi. In real-life situations, an open palm is used. To use the sword hand position to block a staff or spear would guarantee you plenty of broken fingers and possibly a broken arm. You should never block an edged weapon with an open

hand. Shown here, with their Chinese name description, are only a few of the sword techniques contained within the tai chi sword form: 1. (Opposite page) Pushing the boat with the current. 2. Birds returning to the forest at nightfall. 3. Phoenix lifts its head. 4. Scoop up the moon from the sea bottom. 5. Probing the sea. 6. Wipe left. 7. Swallow skims over the water.

takes a fair amount of time practicing the open-hand form.

WHAT'S THE USE?

Finally, why learn a weapon that is obviously outdated when nothing, as they say, is faster than a speeding bullet? While it is true that very few people carry swords today...or staffs or spears for that

matter, learning a weapon, especially for the tai chi martial artist, is very beneficial because it teaches the student how to move his chi. This alone is worth learning the sword form, because when you can move your chi it makes all your open-hand techniques that much more powerful.

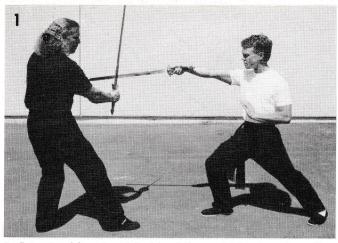
So, now that you can appreciate the benefits gained by learning a tai

chi weapon, let's talk about the tai chi sword. First, there are a number of different styles. The Yang sword form, created by Yang Lu Chan, is by far the most popular style. Because of its popularity, it is probably the easiest style in which to find a good teacher. Then there is the Wu style sword form, the Chen style, and the Wu Dong style. These four

are the most famous styles, of course, and do not reflect on the validity or worth of some of the lesser-known systems. In fact, all the tai chi sword forms are good. That is because they are all based on tai chi principles.

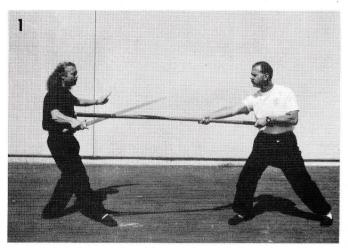
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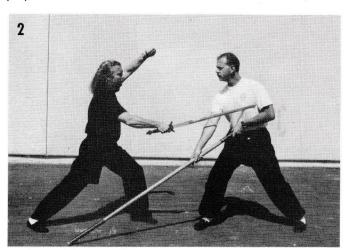
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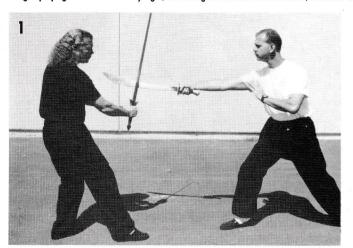


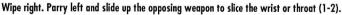
Small star. Parry left, continue circling left and slice up under the opponent's attacking arm (1-2).





Dragon playing in the water. Parry right, continuing to circle the sword around, and stab forward (1-2).



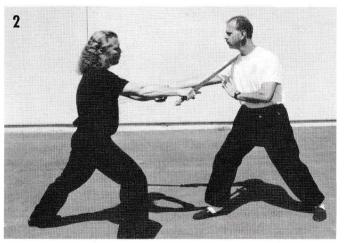


than the regular double-edge sword used in the external styles such as shaolin kung-fu. The tai chi sword, like the Wu Dong sword, for example, is generally a few inches longer than the average double-edge sword. Also, the blade on a tai chi sword has three distinct parts or aspects.

The top third of the blade, or the tip, is thin and ground razor sharp. This is the business end of the sword. The tip is used for slicing, stabbing,

and pricking. One never blocks or parries with the tip of the blade because it can be easily dented or

The middle portion, or third, of the blade has a sharpened edge, but is thicker than the tip. This part of the sword is for parrying (deflecting) other weapons and close-in strikes. This is also the part of the blade that sticks to your opponent's weapon.

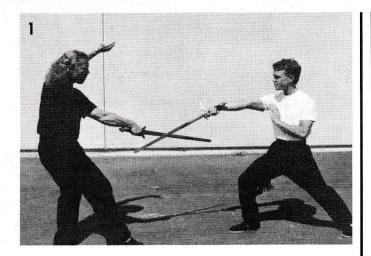


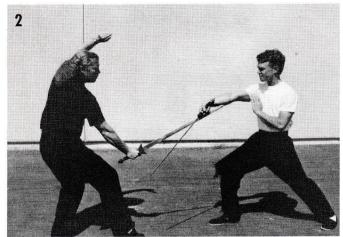
From the hilt to a third of the way up the blade, the metal on a tai chi sword is thick, perhaps a quarter of an inch, and is squared off. This part of the blade has no cutting edge at all, because this part of the blade is for blocking a very violent and powerful attack as is seen from a broadsword or staff.

SWORD STRATEGY

Tai chi sword strategy is to first disarm then finish off the opponent. You side step lunges, parry long and short-edged weapons, and only meet force against force when there is no other recourse. The main areas of attack are the wrist tendons, thigh tendons and arteries, throat, and the

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Parting the grass in search of snakes. Intercept the opponent's weapon (1) and in a tight, circular counterclockwise motion, whip the sword up to cut the wrist of the opponent (2). This is also a good technique for disarming your opponent.

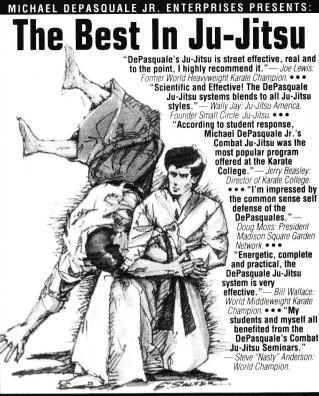
tendons under the opponent's attacking arm. An example of a tai chi sword technique would be to parry an opponent's attack, then stick your sword to the attacking weapon, sliding your sword up the weapon to slice your opponent's attacking wrist.

Try to picture a snake coiling around a tree branch as it makes its way up the tree in search of a meal. This sticking ability is first learned through the practice of pushinghands exercise. Though the tai chi sword strategy is to first disarm the opponent, it is not solely limited to this strategy. There are a number of deadly thrusts-to the throat, neck and abdomen—that can bring an immediate and permanent halt to any attacker.

At its highest level, the tai chi sword should never touch an opponent's weapon. That is the theory. The truth is, however, in a real fight things never quite happen as they were practiced in a learning environment. While quick side-stepping and slicing will work against short weapons, blocking and parrying are required to move in on an opponent wielding a long weapon, such as a staff or spear.

The bottom third of the tai chi sword is squared off so that violent blocks and parries can be used to close the distance on an opponent using a long weapon. In these instances, the tai chi sword's fighting technique resembles the Japanese art of kendo, with hard blocks, weapon against weapon, and powerful slices. Against an opponent wielding a straight sword, however, the tai chi sword stylist will use more of the small, circular, fencing techniques that are incorporated into the the tai chi sword's fighting style.

Because of its flexibility in any situation, to be hard and powerful or soft and subtle, the tai chi straight sword has proven to be the weapon of choice for many martial artists the world over. When you add its great health benefits, it's only just a matter of time before more and more people in this country take up this unique and rewarding aspect of tai chi chuan.



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n the peaks of Ng Toi Mountain during the 17th century in Mainland China rested a small Buddhist priory. Each day the monks could be found training open-hand boxing and various bladed and non-bladed weapons. With the monastery abbot leading them in both their spiritual and martial arts training, the monks of Ng Toi Mountain were known mostly for their mastery of the northern staff.

The abbot had been raised in a time of political turmoil in China and was born the son of the famous general K.Y. Yang. Thus, he was introduced to a great many masters of martial arts in his youth. He, however, pursued a religious vocation, while his four older brothers followed their father in becoming military leaders and generals.

One misty afternoon a junior monk reported to the abbot of a battle between two armies of unequal strength below the monastery. The cries of those losing their lives grew louder as the onslaught became more intense. Later, when the shroud of mist began to clear, the abbot gained total sight of both armies. He recognized the banner of his brother, general Poon Yang, and realized his sibling's army was both severely battered and surrounded.

Gathering several monks trained with the principles and applications of the simple rattan staff (gwun), the abbot and his men charged down Ng Toi Mountain to give aid. They fought bravely, saving the lives of the abbot's brother and his troops.

This historic rescue account by K.Y. Yang and his fellow monks using a simple staff is the origin of the name "5th son staff" of the northern 7-star mantis kung-fu system. The "5th son staff" (ng long gwun) form is characterized by tremendous torquing power which can thrust through even the strongest defense, and its use of both staff ends. Its versatility in combat, dynamic footwork, and practical approach to battle make it formidable against any weapon.

THE NORTHERN SHAOLIN INFLUENCE

To appreciate the characteristics of the northern praying mantis staff, we must first distinguish the difference in tactics between the northern and southern methods of its use. Commonly, staff techniques from the north employ both ends of the staff. One end is used to trap or parry an oncoming weapon, while the other executes an immediate counterattack. The northern staff is often referred to as a double-headed staff or "seung to gwun".

Some northern systems grasp their staff with both ends equally spaced near the middle to accommodate speedy use of either tip. In contrast,

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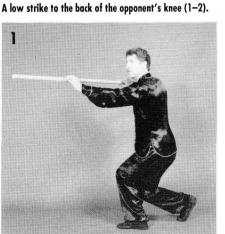
Catching the opponent's hand in a counterstrike action (1-2).



The staff is struck to an opponent's midsection (1-2).







A horizontal strike to the opponent's throat (1-2).





some northern systems, such as northern praying mantis, hold the staff at one end for the purpose of reach, and slide the hands from end to end to utilize both tips of the weapon. The previous tactics vary from the southern method which commonly uses only the end third of the staff. It is with the same end that the southern stylist blocks, parries, and strikes.

Southern kung-fu often differs from its northern counterpart in that it uses a hardwood staff capped at each end with metal, whereas northern staffs are constructed of rattan or waxwood and are generally thinner and more flexible. The southern staff method of application is modeled after the usages of the spear, preferring a circular movement to parry and entrap an oncoming weapon, and then execute a strike by thrusting the staff forward.

Another noticeable difference between the northern and southern staff is in the method by which the practitioner places his hands. The northern practitioner simply holds his staff by placing both hands down in the same position, while the southern method is to place the forehand up. The southern hand position method is known as yin and yang hand, respectively. It should be added that there are few notable northern styles that borrow tactics from each other, such as choy lay fut and pak mei fut gar.

POWER AND APPLICATION

Staff forms are common among nearly all martial arts systems regardless of their country of origin. We are safe in saying, however, that the bulk of what we know as staff fighting methods today were created and/or perfected in the training halls of the Shaolin Temple of Honan province. This becomes quite evident when making a comparison between the staff tactics created by the Shaolin monks and modern methods used by most hard and soft styles today.

Nearly all systems prefer to teach the staff as the first weapon. Seven-star praying mantis also adopts this practice by teaching *ng long gwun* to school novices. A common thread among all Chinese martial arts disciplines is that they view the simple pole to be the "father of all weapons"; in other words, all other long weapons are considered to have evolved from it.

All open hand and staff sets in northern 7-star mantis emphasize practical application rather than aesthetic beauty, and the praying mantis staff is no exception. It is felt by practitioners of northern mantis that elaborate leaps, jumps, and poses are unnecessary to develop sound staff fighting skills.

The first goal in learning the ng long gwun form is to gain an understanding of the proper structure and body mechanics to attain power in the staff. Using the body as a fulcrum, the staff should "hug" the torso to insure control and

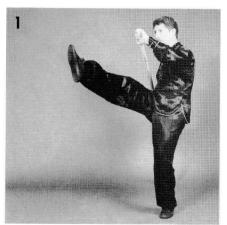
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Striking downward to the opponent's hand (1-2).





Trapping the opponent's staff, a kick is executed to the midsection (1-2).





Trapping the opponent's staff aside, a punch is directed to the head (1-2).





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Young Stages Another Top British Tourney

By Jeremy Arrow

NEWCASTLE, England—The 1994 United Kingdom Chinese Internal Arts Competition (UKCIAC) was successfully held here recently at the Centre for Physical Education and Sport at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne. Three floors and four competition rings were simultaneously utilized on the day to accommodate over 200 event entries covering the largest diversity of Chinese internal arts categories ever available in one single European tournament.

The competition was presided over by a board of independent judges and officials which included many highly qualified and experienced internal art teachers, such as Gary Wragg, Ben Clarke, Bertrand Hamel, Chris Thomas, Bob Lowey, Raymond Rand, Imelda McGuire, Donald Kerr, Lesley Napier, Stuart Mills, Douglas Robertson, and Jonathan Newman, while sifu Peter Young, director of the UKCIAC, coordinated the effort of his team of four floor managers and a staff of 40.

The first UKCIAC, which took place last year, was an all-round phenomenal success and initiated in the

process a much better awareness among all who attended on how best Chinese internal arts can be promoted in Britain. At the 1994 UKCIAC, the general consensus from both judges and spectators was how impressed

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they were with the tremendous improvement in the technical standard of competitors in every category. The competitions were so intense that the winning scores, in some cases, had been determined by as narrow as onetenth of a point.

The 1994 UKCIAC has been another milestone of success in the promotion of Chinese internal arts in both Britain and Europe. The 1995 UKCIAC is scheduled for March 18, 1995, while the next major internal art event hosted by sifu Young will be the Chinese Internal Arts Festival (CIAF) Oct. 8. The CIAF, an annual celebration of traditional Chinese internal arts, was initiated by sifu Young in 1992 to raise public awareness about the nature and diversity of all spectrums of the art and the benefits that can be accrued from their practice. Past performers at the festival include masters and leading teachers from China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, U.S., and Britain.

For further information on any Chinese internal arts event scheduled to be held in Britain, write sifu Peter Young, P.O. Box IXE, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE99 IXE, England.

Stars Shine at 1994 **New England Open**

BOSTON, Mass.—The 18th Annual New England Open National Karate Championships were held here recently at the luxurious Walter Brown Arena.

North America's most talented competitors descended on Boston in hopes of gaining, bettering or retaining their national and regional ratings status. The talent-laden field was deep, eager and ready.

The adult black belt weapons divisions were highly competitive. When the smoke cleared, wushu stylist Willie "Bam" Johnson won the men's soft style weapons division. A seasoned Michael Bernardo battled his way to the top of the pack in the men's hard style weapons division. The women's weapons division was aced by graceful Anne Hsu, while local favorite Rocky DiRico outpaced the talent in the senior weapons division.

The black belt form divisions saw New Jersey's Kevin Thompson top a talented men's Japanese/ Okinawan field. Rapidly emerging talent Jamie Webster topped the hard American form division and

Philadelphia's Daniel Pope kicked his way to victory in the men's Korean form division.

Powerful Terry Creamer enhanced his national rating by winning the men's senior traditional form division while Rocky DiRico went two for two by capturing the men's senior open forms title. Willie Johnson overcame all challengers in the men's Chinese division while exciting Daniel Spaulding bested the rest in the musical forms divisions as he waltzed through a talented field.

Newcomer Amy Raftery topped the field in the women's hard style



Wushu stylist Anne Hsu won the women's black belt form

cise Kelly Hausner won the women's open forms division while Susan Warner outpaced the rest to lay claim to the women's black belt senior form title. Shelly Taylor kicked her way

form division while wushu stylist

Anne Hsu landed her second division title of the day as she fi-

nessed her way to the top of the

women's soft form field. A pre-

to the top of a talent-laden women's superlightweight division while Elizabeth Rosa battled her way to the top of the women's lightweight division. Kierston Sims emerged victorious in the women's middleweight division while top-ranked Dawn Roffey toppled the women's heavyweight field. Atlanta's Lynn Gregory overcame all contenders in the women's senior black belt fight-

ing division.

The men's black belt fighting divisions commenced soon thereafter. Florida's Manny Reyes, Jr., bested the men's superlightweights. An awesome Donald Brady outfinessed the men's lightweights while brother Ronald Brady inched his way to a division title in the light middleweights. Boston's Alberto Montrond was not to be denied and promptly blazed through the talented men's light heavyweights, while Anthony Price blasted his way through the "heavy hitters".

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2nd World Grand Wushu Festival Promotes International Unity

SHANGHAI, China—The Oberon Corporation and "Dato" Stephen Chew recently sponsored the 2nd World Grand Wushu Festival here.

The event, hosted by the Shanghai Wushu Association, was attended by over 40 international teams and organizations, including: Australian Yongnian Yang Style Taijiquan Association (managed by Fu Sheng Yuan and coached by Fu Qing Quan); Shaolin International Wushu Institute (Australia); North American Wushu Delegation, headed by Shouyu Liang and Yang Jwing- Ming (recognized as the team which made the best overall contribution); Canada Columbia University Martial Art Delegation; Canada Wushu Free Sparring Federation; Canada SYL Institute (managed by Kelly Maclean); Canada Vancouver Taiji Institute (managed by Sam Masich); Chinese Taipei Ruiquan Wushu Delegation; Taiwan Chinese Martial Art Education Society; All Japan Broadsword Federation; Biwa Lake Taijiquan Friendship Association; China Fitness Taijiquan Popularity Association; Kobe Taijiquan Friendship Association; Kumamoto RKK Institute; Japan Mulanhuajiaquan Association; Osaka Taijiquan Wushu Delegation; Tokyo Jiumin Sword Delegation; Uji Taijiquan Association; Russian Federation (Lesgaft Physical Education Institute); Russian Federation (St. Petersburg, "Eleonora" Martial Arts Team); Russian St. Petersburg "TEKC" Martial Arts Team; Russian St. Petersburg Youth Martial Arts Team; Tunisia Martial Arts Delegation; U.S. Richmond Team (led by He Wei Qi); U.S. Seattle Chinese Friendship Taiji Society; U.S. Yang's Martial Art Association (managed by Tai Ngo and coached by Ramel Rones); U.S. Yang's Martial Arts Association (Taiji Center); U.S. Alaska Wushu Free Sparring Judo Institute (managed and coached by Joseph Faulise); U.S. Chinese Martial Art Delegation (coached by Joe Dunphy); U.S. Chinese Martial Art Institute





(Left): Huang Chen Liang and Joe Dunphy wow the crowd with a two-person set. (Right): Top taiji master's show stopper featuring 94-year-old Ma Yueh Liang (Wu jianguan style) and 88-year-old Fu Zhong Wen (Yang style).

(coached by Zong Yong Ji); U.S. Friendship Tour '94 (managed by Wen-Mei Yu); U.S. Chinese Houston Martial Art and Medicine Institute (managed by Jeff Bolt); Zhengzhou Shaolin Pupil International Wushu Institute; Shanghai Wushu Delegation; U.S. Chinese Martial Art Institute (managed by Fu Shengyuan); Gabon Wushu Association; the Mexico Wushu Delegation; and various other organizations from both inside China and around the world.

Stellar performances in masters and group demonstrations included: wushu great Wang Jurong, Chen Si Tan and Gao Jia Min (China's men's and women's National Taiji Champions); Huang Chenliang and Joe Dunphy; Wen-Mei Yu; Fu Qin Quan (grandson of Fu Zhong Wen); students of Yang Jwing- Ming and Shouyu Liang; U.S. Richmond team; Sam Masich and Chantel Rafard in taiji two-person hand and weapons forms; and a variety of superior examples reflecting the beauty

and prowess of martial arts from the world over.

Canadian Sam Masich also played and sang the best rendition of "Johnny B. Goode" heard this side of the Pacific. Musical talents were also expertly demonstrated by Rene Hugo Sanchen and Kelly Maclean, who were joined by other Canadian delegates. Finally, the greatest group demonstration was performed by a who's who in martial arts which included: Ma Yueh Liang (Wu style taiji), Fu Zhong Wen (Yang style taiji), Hou Yen Lu, Tong Jinlong (ruiquan), Yu Hua Long (10 animals xingyi), and others in an unforgettable tour de force performance.

Other VIPs at the event included Zhang Yaoting (chairman, C.W.A.), Yuan Hongxien (C.W.A.), Jin Yonchang (president, Shanghai Wushu Association), Xu Cai (president, Asian Wushu Federation), Yie Xuefeng, and Sun Jianquan.

The 3rd World Grand Wushu Festival is slated for May, 1996, and the expectations for another allencompassing, world-class event are running high.

Fu Zhong Wen Celebrates 50th

SHANGHAI, China—Fifty years ago in 1944, Fu Zhong Wen, Yang Cheng Fu's nephew, founded the Yongnian Taijiquan Association here. Named after the native county of Yang Luchan, creator of Yang style and the homeplace of the Yang family, Fu Zhong Wen's Association has fostered three main points: to carry on the teachings of Yang Cheng Fu, to preserve the traditional methods of the Yang family system, and to promote the many health benefits of taiji practice.

To celebrate, Fu Zhong Wen returned to what he does best and taught a three-day high level seminar here at the Tongi University. Students reviewed long form practice, and heard lectures on proper practice in weapons and push hands, as well as form. Fu Zhong Wen, a fourth-generation Yang family practitioner, was also joined by his son Fu Sheng Yuan and grandson Fu Qing Quan. Competent participants were awarded a special certificate further commemorating the anniversary. Later, many more students of the Yang school and spectators joined a celebration where Fu Zhong Wen reminded the audience to never forget "where they first drank the water."

Many demonstrations followed and Fu Zhong Wen's demonstration with his son, Fu Sheng Yuan and grandson Fu Qing Quan, were what the audience came to see. They performed with great skill and style.



Fu Zhong Wen (left) with son Fu Sheng Yuan.

Training for Life

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Buddha palm students combine both external and internal strengths by varying the speed and tempo of the form's techniques.

Buddha palm's defensive techniques include: Kwen kiu—An inward, lower block that can also be used to break from a grab.

Yueng kiu—An outward, vertical block that easily changes to a straight finger jab to the eyes or throat.

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Jit kiu—A lower block that stops a low kick or strikes an opponent's shin or ankle.

Offensive techniques include:

Fut sum jeung—A vertical strike to the opponent's solar plexus, using the outer edge (blade) of the hand.

Tsang jeung—A horizontal palm thrust to the ribs.

Gong jeung—An uppercut strike, using the palm heel against the opponent's jaw.

Jin ji—A straight spearhand jab with the fingers to the opponent's throat.

Yum tsop jeung—A corkscrewing finger jab into the opponent's groin.

For any external martial art to reach its full potential, it must include some internal training, such as choy li fut's Buddha palm.

New England Open

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The adult black belt weapons grandchampionship saw Bernardo (49.95) handily outdistance a talented field of Willie "Bam" Johnson (49.90), Rocky DiRico (49.88) and Anne Hsu (49.87).

Roffey dominated the women's fighting grandchampionship against Taylor. At the final bell, she was ahead 6-1.

The men's black belt lightweight fighting grandchampionship was garnered by Donald Brady because Manny Reyes, Jr., had a separated shoulder. Brother Ronald Brady was not to be denied the middleweight grand, outpointing Alberto Montrond 4-0. In the heavyweight grand, Brent Beatty dug in deep and surprised Anthony Price 5-4.

The men's senior fighting grandchampionship was now to be decided between Missouri's Terry Creamer and Florida's Mike Green. At the bell, Creamer won the senior fighting grand with a 7-1 win over Mike Green.

In the women's black belt form grandchampionship Anne Hsu scored 49.00 for the title.

The men's black belt forms grand-championship kept the crowd on the edge of its seats. After Jamie Webster, Willie "Bam" Johnson and Kevin Thompson tied the first time around with scores of 49.92, Webster eclipsed the field with a score of

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American Karate Studios Hosts State of the Arts Camp 6

NEWARK, Del.—The 6th annual State of the Arts Martial Arts Training Camp was recently held here, featuring masters Wally Jay, Remy Presas and George Dillman. Over 175 people participated in the two-day event, which was hosted by American Karate Studios' Executive Directors Jim and Judy Clapp.

The highlight of this camp were masters' seminars for children. Dillman showed the children effective self-defense moves utilizing his pres-

sure point theory in a manner applicable to threatening situations. Jay impressed his young listeners with fluid jujitsu movements and techniques to escape from specific holds, while Presas raught the children basic modern arnis applications.

For information on the 1995 camp, write the American Karate Studios, P.O. Box 9102, Newark, DE 19714-9102; (302) 737-9500 or (302) 239-0178 FAX.

Attendance Climbs 50 Percent at Women's "Arts" Festival

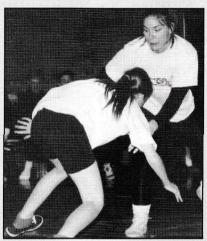
SQUAMISH, B.C.—"Word of mouth," is the reason given by Women's Festival of Martial Arts director/founder Roxanne Chappell.

"We had such a great time last year with highly skilled women instructors teaching us tai chi, karate, wing chun and capoeira that everyone returned home and raved about it, I guess..."

This year's retreat was held about 90 minutes north of Vancouver on the way to Whistler Mountain. The setting of mountains, rivers and the occasional eagle helped to connect everyone to nature, the different arts and each other, Chappell says.

"Everyone worked very hard at the camp but there was lots of time to relax as well."

The 1994 schedule saw new classes added such as Olympic-style wrestling, judo and tae kwon do.

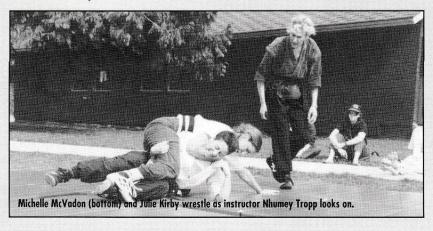


Patty Boomhower and daughter Jasmine demonstrating wrestling.

"Every year will be different, but the favorite sports will stay and we offer something for everyone. For example, the two youngest participants, 11 and 13, enjoyed the judo, wing chun and capoeira. For the advanced martial artists there were tai chi weapon sets with Wen-Mei Yu, tae kwon do speed kicks with Sandie Gilkes, and capoeira gymnastics with Karlon Kepcke."

The annual retreat is a non-profit event with some of the proceeds going to a local women's shelter and offers women and girls from all styles of martial arts an opportunity to share skills and knowledge in a supportive, non-competitive atmosphere.

Next year's event returns to Camp Squamish April 28-30. For more information, contact Roxanne Chappell, WFMA 303-661 Thompson Ave., Coquitlam, B.C., CANADA V3J 3Z9; (604) 936-4632 (phone or FAX).



Zen-Do Kai Donates \$20,500 to Charity

HOUSTON, Texas—Michael Campos, chief instructor of the Zen-Do Kai Martial Arts Association, headquartered in Johnstown, N.Y., traveled here recently to present this year's donation to Chuck Norris' "Kick Drugs Out of America" Foundation.

The Zen-Do Kai organization raised \$20,500 for the anti-drug group through various fund-raising activities in its affiliated clubs. This marks the second year that the ZDK has raised funds for "Kick Drugs." Last year it donated \$11,200 to "Kick Drugs".

Campos noted that the ZDK has been actively raising money for various charitable causes for over 15 years.

The clubs involved include: Malone, NY-ZDK; Cobleskill, NY-ZDK; Massena, NY-ZDK; Bailey's Karate, Herkimer, NY; Brooks Karate, W. Winfield, NY; Canton, NY-ZDK; Red Dragon Karate, Ballston Spa & Utica, NY; Cantin Karate, Chicopee, MA; Houston, TX-ZDK; Wu Shu Dao Martial Arts, Hamilton, NY; Casa-De Karate in Corning, NY; Herman-Dekalb, NY-ZDK; Pauling, NY-ZDK; Okinawan Karate; Schenectady, NY; and the Johnstown, NY-ZDK.

Organization Welcoming Pai Lum, "Eyebrow" Stylists By Kenneth A. Nanni

LONDON, Ontario—The Canadian Athletic Association of Chinese Martial Arts, under the directorship of seventh-degree black belt (Pai Lum) and seventh-generation Pak Mei—white eyebrow system—kung-fu expert, Mike Doucet are accepting all Pai Lum and pak mei practitioners interested in acquiring new knowledge.

Doucet, a grandson of the late grandmaster Daniel K. Pai, will be remembered for his iron-palm and iron-body, "inward" kung-fu training, or, as the grandmaster described at last year's clinic, the man who "...always carried around the iron pot..."

Doucet also is a long-time student and the senior disciple of Lee Cheung Pai.

Last spring, Lee Cheung Pai once again traveled here to be with Doucet for a weekend clinic. He taught 125 of the movements of the original hung gar tiger and crane form, applications and conditioning techniques. Energy of the group was high throughout the intensive weekend because of Pai's accessibility and willingness to provide one-on-one instruction.

The event climaxed with Pai's masterful demonstration of "walking the circle".

Pai is best known within Pai Lum as the originator of the "inward" kungfu and the hung kuen curriculums, the first grandson of Dr. Daniel K. Pai, the first advanced practitioner to have received a Chinese name, and the person who learned and trained in Dr. Pai's closest Chinese boxing techniques.

In addition to his kung-fu knowledge within Pai Lum, Lee Pai is distinguished within Pak Mei circles as a member of the Pak Mei Boxing Association of Kowloon City and a sixth-generation Pak Mei expert—sifu Cheung Siu-Man, si-gung Ng Nam King, from Cheung Lai Cheun, from Chuk Fat, from Bak Mei.

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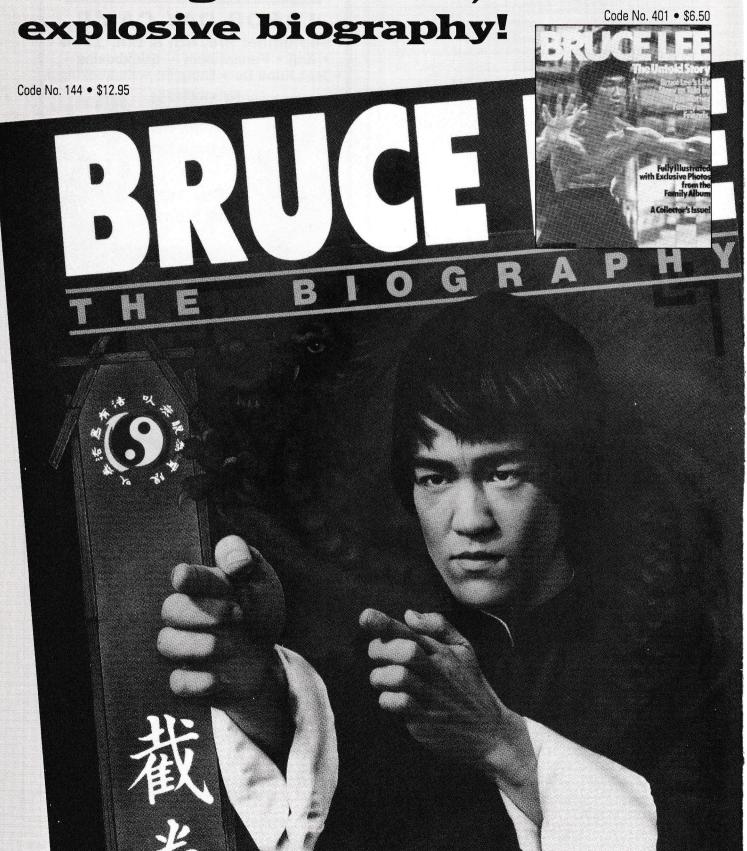
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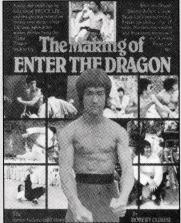
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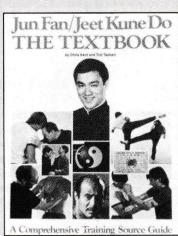
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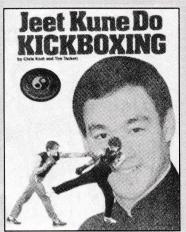
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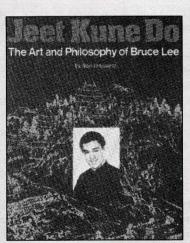
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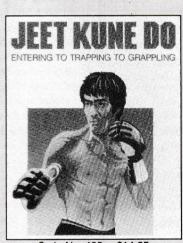
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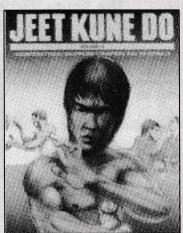
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Steve Lee Swift Rochester, NY

Painter Cuts Ties

AN ARTICLE APPEARING IN THE "Insiders" column of *Inside Kung-Fu* (April, 1994) indicates that Dr. John P. Painter has joined and is committed to the International Contact Weapons Sports Federation, U.S. Contact Weapons Sports Federation.

Dr. Painter, who founded the Chinese Sports Fencing Association in 1973, after due consideration and extensive testing of the fencing "sword" by Contact Weapons Co., has chosen to withdraw his support from the ICWSF and the Contact Weapons Co.

Alan Marshall Arlington, TX

Calling it Quits?

BEING A BIG FAN OF Hong Kong action movies in general, and Jackie Chan specifically, my favorite *Inside Kung-Fu* column is Ric Meyers' "Martial Arts In Movies".

Although I have to wait several months after their limited theatrical releases before they're available on video here, I enjoy Ric's sneak previews of the latest Hong Kong hits and knowing which titles to look for.

From what Ric said in the June issue, Jackie Chan's *Drunken Master II* will be worth the wait. I heard that Jackie may be retiring, though; can you confirm or deny this? If it's true, I'm at least glad he's going out in top form. Also, do you have a current address where admiring fans can reach Jackie?

Bruce Jensen Marysville, CA

Although Jackie is suffering from various minor physical maladies, which have limited his on-screen stuntwork, there is no indication that he's ready to call it quits. You can write to Jackie at JC Group, 145 Waterloo, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

—Ed

Impressed with Chong

I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO meet sifu Eddie Chong recently at his seminar here in Seattle.

Over the years it has been my pleasure to have met many other wing chun people, some students of Yip Man, some one generation removed, even one who studied directly under Bruce Lee here in the northwest. Among this backdrop I am pleased to say that I found Chong in good standing in skill and repute.

His approach to both Hong Kong and Fatshan wing chun was not only well-presented, but brought out some obvious connections between the two, clarifying many generally obscure points from Yip Man's own presentation. As to the point of preserving wing chun's Mainland roots, well that seems obvious. If we want the free branches of wing chun to flourish and remain strong and effective, we need to be attentive to all its' active roots. What Chong has done is preserve one such tap root. This allows this and future generations of wing chun practitioners an irreplaceable background for growth.

That Chong has found yet another tie to the spiritual traditions of old

LETTERS

China (while detracting from the fast-food kung-fu rampant today) perhaps points all of our wing chun family worldwide toward a respect of those of years, work and wisdom in humility. Chong and sifu Pan Nam seem deserving of such esteem.

C.W. Shaw Tacoma, WA

Allen's Special Training

THE PURPOSE OF THIS LETTER is to inform you that after approximately seven years of diligent training under sifu (John) Allen's programs, I'm ready for the ultimate test in measuring the effectiveness of his strength and breathing programs.

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As a tribute to sifu Allen, my teacher, I'm presently training for the Vineman (Ironman) Triathalon in Santa Rosa, Calif., in late July. Because of the distances involved I've had to alter of my training to meet the challenge. The race will include swimming 2.4 miles, biking 112 miles and running 26.2 miles. I'm sometimes taken aback by the results I've achieved from these programs sifu Allen has so generously shared with the martial arts community. I don't have anyone pushing me other than myself so I can't imagine how much more successful I could have been I if had other artists working with me three or four days a week.

Sifu Allen is an incredible individual who has definitely done his homework. Mr. Cater, for the life of me, I just don't understand why we don't hear more from him in *IKF*. Also, what will it take to have sifu Allen as a contributing editor on a regular basis? The man has so much to offer it's a sin not to have him share his knowledge with us. He tells it just the way it is.

Dennis M. Steindam Phoenix, AZ

We agree with you. We'd love to have John Allen and his whole organization in the magazine on a regular basis. Unfortunately, Allen has returned to school to complete a master's degree, he has moved his headquarters to a larger location and business has never been better. In short, he's been told that anytime he has time, the magazine's pages are his. Be patient. He'll be back soon.

—Ed.

Need Video

THE COVER STORY OF YOUR July, 1994 issue by Randy Kamiya about the Ultimate Fighting Championship has me and my friends looking to obtain a copy.

We have unsuccessfully looked in many martial arts magazines in hope of finding a company that would sell the videotapes of both Ultimate Fighting Championship I and II. As a result, I would much appreciate any information you might have concerning this matter.

Cairo Srey Rockville, MD

The videotape of the Ultimate Fighting Championship II from Trimark International was due for release in Blockbuster and other outlets July 20.

-Ed.

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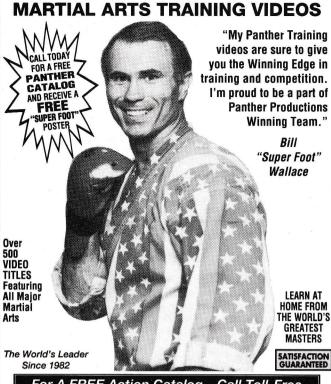
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AMERICAN SEMINAR AND CON-GRESS. In Carlsbad, Calif., and it is open to the general public. The evening of August 26 will be used for testing members who are eligible for promotion and the testing of non-members applying for black belt membership. The Kokusai Budoin North American Congress will also take place that evening with a meeting of the U. S. and Canadian Board of Directors, Seminars featuring master level instructors from Japan and the United States will be conducted Aug. 27 and 28. The seminars will feature two special guests from Japan: Shizuya Sato Sensei, Kokusai Budoin Chief Director, and Ikuo Higuchi Sensei. Contact H.E. Davey Sensei, c/o Kokusai Budoin-Western USA, 6073 Arlington Blvd., Richmond, Calif., 94805; (510) 233-

AUGUST 27TH-28TH

DAN INOSANTO SEMINAR. In Rockville, Md. Dan Inosanto will be giving a seminar on Jun Fan gung-fu/JKD concepts, maphilindo silat, kali/eskrima/Arnis and shoot wrestling. Contact Mike Krivka, Martial Arts Koncepts, 444 N. Frederick Ave., Suite 137-L, Gaithersburg, MD 20877; (301) 963-6520.

KEVIN SEAMAN will be teaching Thai boxing and Filipino martial arts (kali) workshops at Super Summer Seminars in Cazenovia, N.Y. Several other instructors will be featured as well, offering workshops in numerous styles. Contact Mike Campos, Zen-Do-Kai, P.O. Box 186, Johnstown, NY 12095; (518) 762-4723. THAI BOXING AND FILIPINO MAR-

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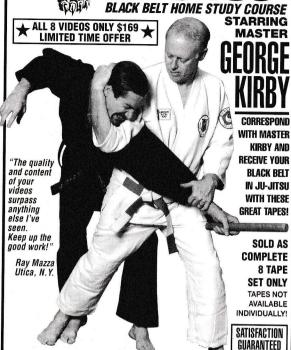
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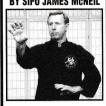
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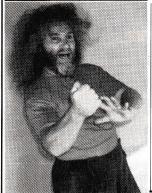
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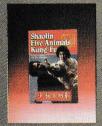
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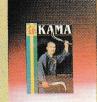
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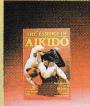


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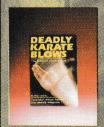


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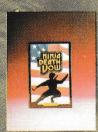


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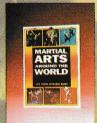


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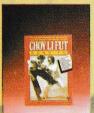
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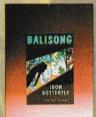


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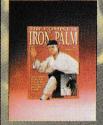
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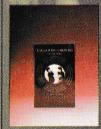
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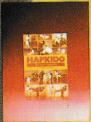


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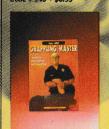
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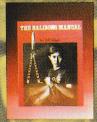
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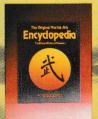
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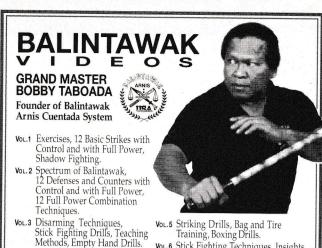
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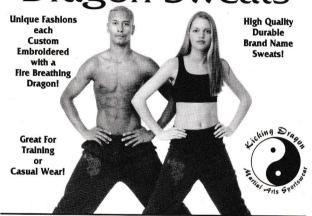
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Gao Jia Min

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THE REWARDS OF DEDICATION

Gao Jia Ming started training seriously in 1980. After nine years of continued hard work, she finally won her first medal (a gold medal) at the China-Japan taijiquan competition. In 1990 she won the silver at the 11th Asian Games held in Beijing.

"Prior to that I hadn't won any place or medal. I saw many people become frustrated during those years and quit. However, I was bound and determined not to quit. I would keep going on, regardless of the outcome. Seeking deeper knowledge, and challenging myself more.

'When I stood on the stand to receive my medals, I felt so proud. I knew then, as I know now, that all my hard work was worth every minute."

In the last four years, since 1990 Gao has won an impressive 26 gold medals in National and International competition. With her sights on continuing competition, Gao assisted in coaching with her prominent mentor Zeng Nai Liang in Japan for a month in 1992.

We traveled to nine different cities. Providing instruction for 1,760 students. The amount of people was overwhelming, but manageable. I learned more about my own abilities, but also how hard my coach Zeng Nai Liang works. Coaching is enjoyable and rewarding, and working with Zeng Nai Liang is very rewarding.'

SPECIAL TRAINING

Regardless of your feelings about how martial arts should be taught or performed, there's no denying the beauty of a professional wushu athlete in motion. Gao Jia Min is certainly no exception. As a matter of fact, her kick raised above all the others when she and male counterpart national champion Chen Si Tan led a group of professionals in a performance of the 42 form at the recent 2nd World Grand Wushu Festival in Shanghai,

Gao explains what special training methods she has undergone that she feels has given her such deep postures and such high kicks:

"We train for our kicks in a special way. Various disciplines and sports train their athletes to raise their legs for flexibility. However, in taiji, strength and power must be behind that flexibility."

'We use sand bags wrapped on the legs. This added weight develops both the strength and flexibility needed in taijiquan.

"Splits and stance work is core, but the extra weight provides more resistance that otherwise wouldn't normally be there."

According to Gao, the sandbags are placed around the lower thigh and upper portion of the knee to develop the quadriceps. Weights are placed around the ankles, so that the ankles can take more force and shock. The ankle strength is also important in lower, more deeper postures.

"The weight is increased little by little. Repetitions are increased gradually, and the amount of time postures are held, or forms practiced with weight are increased as well. All these methods put together usually produce higher kicks and deeper postures.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY?

When asked about the prospect of marriage and children, Gao replies, "My work is at the top of my agenda. I will not throw it away, just to get married and have children.'

"I have spent so much of my time immersed in what I do. My whole life is focused in my training and competition.

"I am deeply committed to preserving and promoting wushu and related facets of Chinese culture, that to stop and focus on a family at this time is simply out of the question.

"For now I feel that competition is my primary focus, and I am interested in coaching," she maintains. "Coaching has rewards different then competition, but it is rewarding to teach and see the results of that aspect of the

Whatever Gao Jia Min does in the future, for now she is an extraordinary competitor and practitioner, a young, determined woman of vision who knows what it takes to be a success.

Forms Competition

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warm up is important. Don't exhaust yourself. Have trial or mock meets to establish how much time you require to prep and warm up.

While warming up remember you're being watched. Always appear confident, sure and ready. It's been said that many judges pick the winners watching warm-ups. If a skill does not come off do not show emotion, don't draw attention to it. This is also true when you compete. If you make a mistake don't draw attention to it or advertise it. It may go unnoticed.

Warm-ups are also a time when competitors may be trying to psyche out their competition. Use this to your advantage if you will but don't fall prey to it. While observing another competitor, don't show emotion by dropping your jaw in disbelief. Even if they are exceptional—why give their confidence a boost. You are, after all, com-

If possible, after your warm up try to shower and have someone give you a light massage and/ or engage in some light relaxation exercises. Soviet studies on athletes who followed this procedure showed a 20-to-30 percent improvement in their performance levels. If time permits try this procedure between events. You will notice that you will feel very refreshed and more ready to go.

Then prior to competing take the time to go somewhere away from the noise, crowds and other disturbances. Take the time to be alone. There you can quietly think to yourself, visualize, collect your thoughts, concentrate and focus on your performance. Avoid too much chit-chat, small talk and other such distractions. Just stay focused.

When your event is being contested, avoid watching the competition too closely. You are there to compete, not observe. You don't need another competitor's performance to shake up your confidence. You want your head clear to concentrate on your performance alone. The last thing you should be thinking about before going up to compete is, "How high such and such jumped" or "How fast what's-his-name was." Just focus on your performance and nothing else. If you're really interested in the other competitors, have a friend tape them. Then watch them when you don't have so much on the line.

After it's all done and you've finished your routine, whether or not you've received your scores, show no emotion. Some competitions will have the judges immediately post scores. At other events the judges may take a moment or two to tabulate. If you've received your scores, show neither elation or disappointment. If you show one or the other it could well effect how the judges score the following competitors. If you are awaiting your scores, do not show dissatisfaction with your performance. The judges may not be dissatisfied. Most important, no matter what the results, don't debase the judges. You may see them at future meets.

A good practice is to ask the judges for feedback on your performance, including strong or weak points they may have noticed. Then go back and improve on those weaknesses and further highlight your strengths. Try to establish in your mind what qualities the judges consider important. By knowing what they are looking for, you can play to their expectations. It will be good reference for the future.

At a later date try watching video of the top competitors in your event (or top national-level competitors, if you plan to blast your way onto the national circuits). Try to figure out what they had or did that put them up there in the judges' minds. Search for their weaknesses and try to make those your future strong points.

No matter what the results, the saying, "If at first you don't succeed try, try again" applies here. Many top competitors will tell you it took them some time before they started winning on a regular basis. It may take some time for you to find that personal winning formula—training, material, prep, etc.—but if you persist, you'll be on your way to success.

Wushu Character

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this way recklessness leading to injury, defeat, or in ancient times, death, would be avoided. Without bravery, though, a martial artist will be too careful or tentative and fail to make use of opportunities. Also, as with most things there is a fine balance between caution and recklessness. Being overly cautious may present a weakness to an opponent and produce a result similar to reckless-

Wushu training under a good teacher includes encouragement and training to not only avoid carelessness but also to develop courage. For example, body conditioning that includes controlled fighting techniques can help a student recognize danger and deal with it without backing away.

When a wushu teacher fails to emphasize moral and character development from the first moment he selects a student, the martial artist misses out on one of the greatest benefits of wushu practice—the opportunity to learn one's own values, strengths and fears, and the discipline and perseverance that can be valuable in all areas of life.

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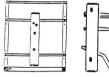


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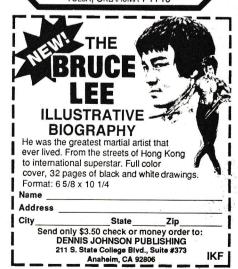


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tains. "People live in small places within themselves, and they need a place to escape; lots of stuff in these films offers them the opportunity to escape. They are based on old Chinese novels and I believe there is a resurgence in these kind of stories. Love is the conceptual thing and not really the reality. But these films are also made for the Chinese audience and perhaps many Americans may not understand the significiance of many scenes."

Tsui bought the traditional style lion dance to new bizarre heights of outrageousness in OUTC parts III and IV. Another recent costume action drama was the re-make of a well-known film classic, *Dragon Inn*, featuring Donnie Yen (antagonist from OUTC part II, hero in *Iron Monkey*) as the obstrusive, villainized, ever-popular in Chinese film, all-powerful eunich. Historically, eunichs are known for their great kung-fu and chi gung skills.

Tsui often uses actors that don't practice kung-fu, yet on film these novices appear to be age-old experts.

But American filmmakers exclusively use tournament fighters and champions to star in their movies. Ironically, they look like novices and don't come across well on film. The key in Tsui's films aren't the stars, but the choreographers. A point that Hollywood refuses to admit.

Tsui has only used Americans in fight scenes in one film, *The Master*, which was filmed in Los Angeles and starred Jet Li.

"Even though I hadn't seen the Americans, I was told they knew how to fight and I believe one was some sort of champion," he explains. "Well, maybe in a ring, but on screen they didn't look good, and couldn't adjust to our style of fight choreography. I enjoyed working in the States but the film just didn't work."

His latest release, *Green Snake*, is about two giant female snakes, a white one (Joey Wang) and a green one (Maggie Cheung), wanting to become human to experience the emotion of love. It is filled with spiritual anomolies, neat fight scenes and some far-out "FX" visuals. In one scene, the effect of the monk (Zhao Wen Zhou) and a "man" running across a meadow is visually captivating. Other bizarre effects include using fire as a weapon of soul unification and the emergence of a large gold dragon from the ocean and serpentining across the sky. Although Tsui wasn't happy with the dragon.

"We were hurriedly worked on this in order to finish up before the premiere," he admits. "It was more cartoonish than I had wanted. In this film we used some new computerized FX, but we had too many time constraints. The technical parts of *Green Snake* were disturbing and the results didn't come out the way we wanted."

Another recent release, White Crane, is about a female priest (Anita Mui) who flies around on the back of a giant white crane, attempting to save righteous swordsmen from killing each

other. One of the more memorable sequences features two musical instrument-wielding femme fatales (Mui vs. Rosamund Kwan). They stand on a ship frantically playing their instruments as the ship disintegrates under the awesome power of their instrument's shrill-sounding musical notes.

When you watch Tsui's films you'll gawk at his rivetting visuals, magical displays of cold steel-slashing bewitchment, which produce lasting impressions of wide-eyed wonderment that leaves you rubbing your eyes in total awe and astonishment. The tempo of his films produces an authentic startling rush of excitement where the unabated pleasure and exhilaration of moviegoing is reborn close to its purest form—fun.

Burt Offerings

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trained to flow, you often perform techniques spontaneously that you have never seen before. This is because someone may feed you with a type of energy or technique with which you are unfamiliar. Observe yourself and learn. Another way to observe new techniques is by paying attention when you, a partner, or a student make mistakes during training. Like in all experimentation, many great discoveries are made by accident.

Visualization

Here is a much-neglected aspect of training that can also be used to find new techniques. Just find a quiet place, get comfortable, and let go your imagination. Visualize different situations and see what counters come to you. Many great martial artists use this method to improve their performances and to expand upon their art. You can and should do it, too. Just like the physical art, the more you do it the better you will become.

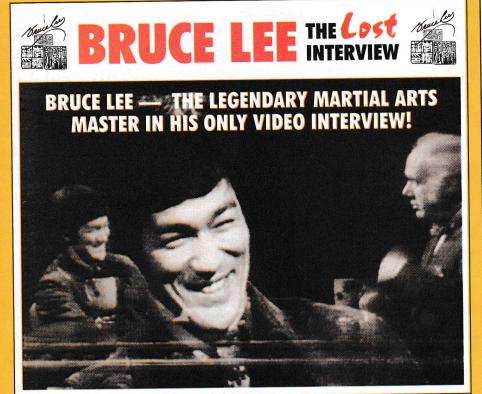
Now that you have read this article, check yourself and see what your gut reaction is. Do you feel uneasy with the idea of experimenting and improving on the art? Do you feel like maybe you don't have the authority to do such things? If so, please remember that you are the artist! You are the one who will be defending yourself, so it is up to you to take responsibility for your proficiency and for the scope of your art.

Don't he satisfied with what you have received from your instructor. Your instructor was given the art at a certain level. Hopefully, that instructor improves upon it and then passes it along to you at a higher level. It is up to you to learn the art well and then improve upon it.

I think a friend and student in Erie, Pa., sums it up well. John Kalisvewski says, "A traditionalist is a person who hasn't bothered to improve upon the art."

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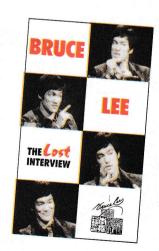
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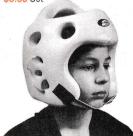
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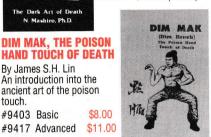
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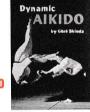


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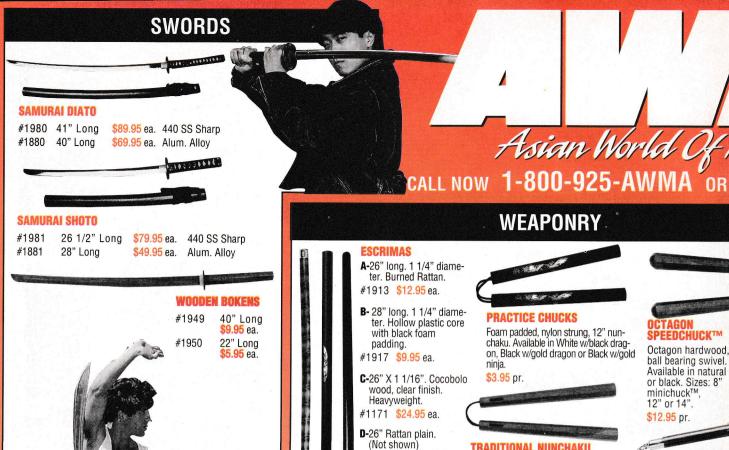
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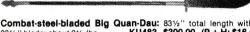
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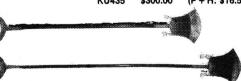
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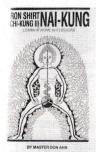


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